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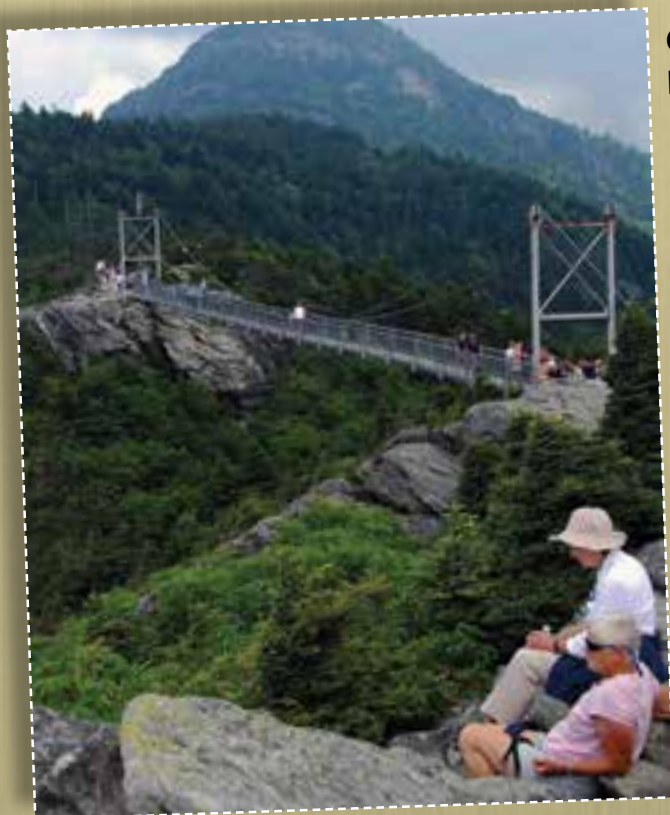
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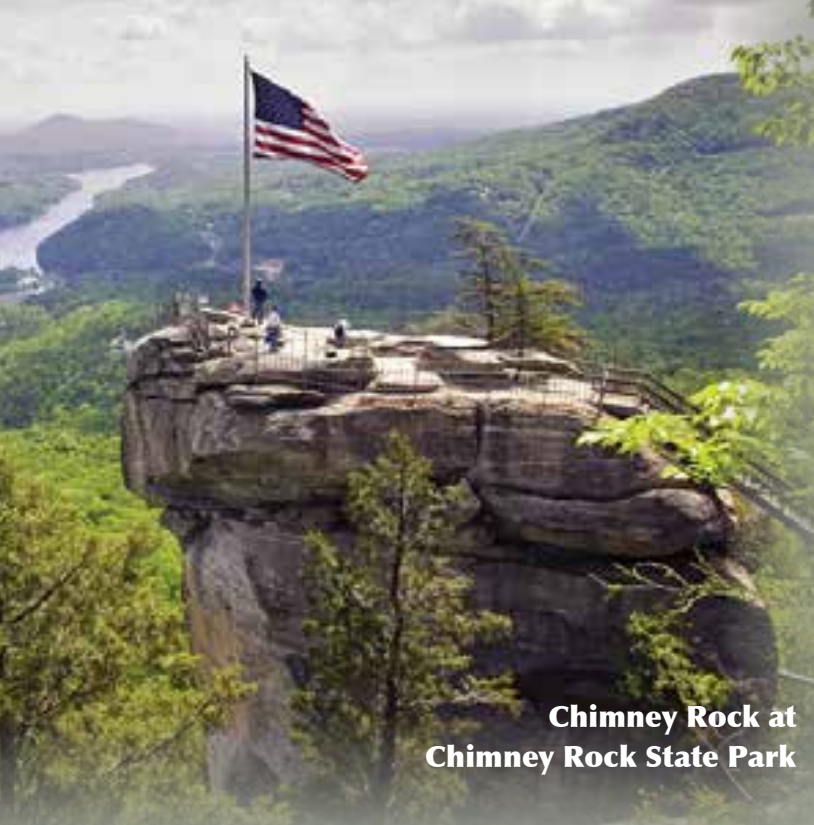
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PARKWAY

MILEPOST



GOING GREEN Along the Parkway

Fostering Stewardship Through Fleet Greening

The Blue Ridge Parkway is much more than just a roadway connecting Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains National Parks. It is one of the nation's most biologically diverse parks as well. One of the challenges in daily operations and management of the Blue Ridge Parkway is its linear layout. Serving the visiting public and taking care of park resources requires more than a dozen field offices along its length. The 300 park-owned vehicles and heavy equipment must respond to the demands of mountainous terrain, often traveling 50 or more miles each day. This large fleet as well as the millions of travelers on the road put the Blue Ridge Parkway in a unique position to be a leader in sound environmental practices and in promoting the use of advanced technology vehicles.

The U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program partnering through the Clean Cities National Parks Initiative seems to be the perfect fit for this linear park. The Initiative supports transportation projects that educate park visitors on the benefits of reducing dependence on petroleum, cutting greenhouse gasses, and easing traffic congestion. This Initiative also complements the National Park Service's Climate Friendly Parks program by demonstrating the environmental benefits of reducing petroleum use.

With the majority of the Parkway's vehicle fleet in need of replacement, Parkway management has seized the opportunity for "greening up" our vehicle fleet. Partnering with Asheville, NC's "Land of the Sky Clean Vehicle Coalition," the Parkway acquired four

hybrid passenger vehicles and three propane pickup trucks to replace less efficient vehicles. These new efficient vehicles will be added to a fleet already modernized with 51 vehicles that are designed to use E85 fuel.

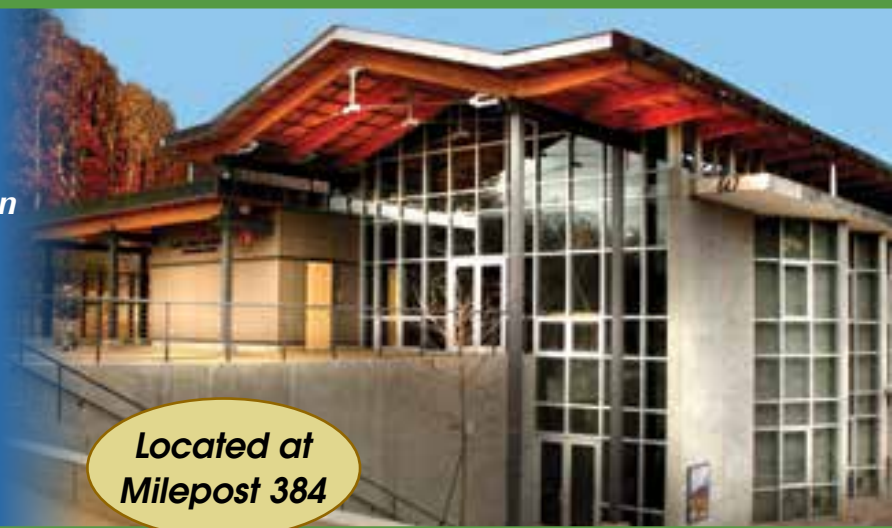
These steps are part of the Parkway's overall Fleet Management Plan, incorporating strategies to reduce the petroleum use in the park 30% by 2020. This plan will include proposed reduction of the overall fleet size, continued replacement of existing vehicles with more energy efficient or alternative fuel vehicles, reducing overall miles traveled, and implementation of gas-saving driving techniques. In the years ahead, the Parkway also expects to expand the use of E85 alternative fuel systems and incorporate additional hybrid electric and bi-fuel vehicles into the fleet. Working with the Land of the Sky Clean Vehicles Coalition and the Virginia Clean Cities Coalition, these and other strategies will be pursued.

The new hybrid and propane vehicles are expected to save 2,000 gallons of fuel each year. These vehicles will be out on the Parkway this season, marked with "Clean Cities" and the NPS Arrowhead, providing a tangible tool that exemplifies the National Park Service commitment to reducing its carbon footprint. As stewards of our national cultural and natural treasures, the NPS is taking a leading role in sustainability and climate change mitigation to ensure these special places are around for the enjoyment of future generations.

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“Leeding” The Way At The Parkway Visitor Center

The Blue Ridge Parkway took a huge step forward in going green when the visitor center adjacent to park headquarters in Asheville, NC opened in 2008. Not only can visitors now make one stop to learn about the entire 469 miles of the Parkway, they can do so in an environmentally friendly, “LEED” certified building, reflecting the best in energy-saving technology.



**Located at
Milepost 384**

What does it mean to be **LEED certified**? The U.S. Green Building Council (UGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification promotes self-supporting design and calculates the environmental function of a building and the environmentally-friendly measures taken during construction and subsequent use of the building. The USGBC established this system to encourage green building practices and techniques.

Less than a year after its opening, the visitor center received LEED’s “Gold” status, a rating that acknowledges the building’s design exceeds the standards for energy efficiency. Green buildings are not only good for the environment, they are good for us as well. Such construction means blending the building into its natural surroundings, less waste going to the landfill, lower operating costs, improved indoor air quality, and reduced air pollution. Among the most notable features of the green design of the Parkway visitor center include...

🌿 **Green Roof** - The 10,000 square foot roof of the visitor center is completely planted with native, drought tolerant plants. Green roofs last longer, reduce energy costs with their natural insulation, and are thought to improve air quality by filtering out dust and smog.

🌿 **Radiant Floor Heating** - Tubing installed in the building’s concrete floor has circulating warm water, allowing the concrete to absorb the heat and warm the building.

🌿 **Trombe Walls** - Some of the best eco-friendly design features are also the most simple and non-mechanical. Thick walls resulting in good insulation have been a part of smart design for generations. Solar heat is collected and stored in thick walls, tempering day time heat gain and releasing heat at night. The 12” thick glass and concrete walls

in the visitor center mean slow, even heating long after the sun has set in the winter. The angle of the building and its designed overhang keep the walls from heating up in the summer.

🌿 **Natural Materials** - The use of natural materials in construction, purchased within a 500 mile radius, minimizing freight costs and aiding the local economy.

🌿 **Rainwater** - A storm water runoff system captures rainwater either for use on site or allowing water to filter slowly back into the ground.

While enjoying the benefits of this most recent and most “green” Parkway facility, visitors can of course find out all they need to know about planning a full Parkway experience. The interactive I-Wall, a 22 foot map of the Parkway with multi-media information of places to visit is a great place to begin. A 24 minute award-winning film “The Blue Ridge Parkway – America’s Favorite Journey” is shown hourly. Explore exhibits of the region’s natural and cultural diversity and the recreational opportunities available. The Blue Ridge National Heritage Area has offices here and provides information on the region.

In addition to year-round orientation of the Parkway and the Blue Ridge region, the National Park Service takes pride that the structure itself will continue to exemplify natural resource stewardship for years to come.

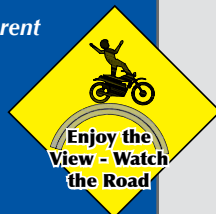




While most visitors travel the Parkway in an automobile, ever increasing numbers visit the park on two wheels, via bicycle or motorcycle. Remember, spectacular views are best enjoyed at one of the Parkway's many overlooks. Be aware of rapidly changing road character and environmental conditions, particularly when the roadway curves and descends at the same time. Please enjoy the views, but watch the curves.

GENERAL DRIVING SAFETY

Because of its unique design, the Parkway drive is different than most and this can mean taking some extra care to ensure a safe visit. "Enjoy the view, but watch the road!" is our way of reminding visitors to pay extra attention along the Parkway. A few specific pointers and facts may help even more.



WATCH OUT FOR...

STEEP GRADES – In some places, the Parkway has steeper grades than normally found on highways. Without paying close attention, your speed can increase far more than you expect.

UNFORGIVING ROAD SHOULDERS – The Parkway's road shoulders are narrow in places so that the meadows or forest edges grow close to the pavement. This is, of course, part of the beauty of the drive, but may require some extra attention.

BUILT-IN DISTRACTIONS – Wildlife, wildflowers, bicyclists, and extraordinary views... all of these contribute to the Parkway experience and every traveler should be aware of these while enjoying the drive.

LIMITED SIGHT DISTANCES – There aren't many straight lines in the natural world and the Parkway was designed with gentle curves and not many straight sections. This is part of what makes the road seem to lie gently on the land and it also requires some extra attention while driving.

SPEED CHANGES – The Parkway speed limit is mostly 45 mph, but occasionally you will find yourself in developed areas where the driving speed drops to 25 mph.

SPIRAL CURVES – Some of the tight curves do not have a consistent radius so extra care needs to be taken, especially on motorcycles.

OTHER IMPORTANT SAFETY ADVICE

■ Hiking shoes or boots are recommended for most trails, especially the more strenuous ones. Steep and rocky areas and slippery stream crossings require extra attention and careful footing. Even for trails marked "easy," it is advisable to wear flat or rubber-soled shoes for comfort and good traction. Wearing sandals, "flip-flops," or high heels can result in accidents.

■ Lock valuables in the trunk of your car or take them with you.

■ Sudden changes in weather are common in these mountains. Even in mild seasons, rapid dips in temperature and unexpected thunderstorms frequently occur, and at higher elevations the wind and temperature can carry a surprising chill. Be prepared for weather changes by bringing along suitable clothing.

■ Do not drink the water from streams or springs.

LODGING & DINING

Lodges are located on the Parkway at

Peaks of Otter
(MP 86), and
Mt. Pisgah
(MP 408).



Pisgah Inn • Treetops

Restaurants, other facilities and services are available at a number of other locations, opening in mid- or late April. **See chart on page 7 for details.**

Check www.nps.gov/blri for availability of food and lodging during the 2014 season.

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

MILEPOSTS:

Along the Parkway, you will see numbered mileposts. The zero milepost marker is at Rockfish Gap immediately south of Shenandoah National Park. Each mile is numbered progressively southward on the Parkway to its southernmost entrance at Cherokee.



OUR SYMBOL

The National Park Service arrowhead was authorized as the agency's official emblem by the Secretary of the Interior on July 20, 1951. Created in 1949 by Aubrey V. Neasham, a Park Service historian, the insignia was intended to represent several aspects of the mission of the National Park Service: Its shape and earth-brown background embody our nation's cultural heritage exemplified in the parks by archaeology and history. The bison and the sequoia tree (symbols from the first two national parks--Yellowstone and Sequoia) represent the diverse natural world of plants and animals included within the system. The snowcapped mountain and glacier portrayed on the insignia's horizon and the white of the water in its right foreground signify the all-important values of scenery and recreation. The symbol first appeared on a park road sign, then a ranger uniform in September 1952. The icon was registered as an official emblem of the Park Service on February 9, 1965, by the United States Patent Office.



Don't miss the Autumn
season splendor of the
Blue Ridge Mountains.

A truly spectacular sight!



REGULATIONS BY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY

To help protect and preserve the Blue Ridge Parkway, yourself, and others, observe all park regulations. Be alert for uncontrolled fire, safety hazards, accidents and emergencies. Please report such conditions by calling **1-800-PARKWATCH (1-800-727-5928)**.

ROADSIDE PARKING - Parking is allowed on road shoulders, but please avoid wet areas and make sure that all four wheels are off the pavement.

TRAILS - Trails are for hiking only. Bicycles and motorized vehicles are not permitted. Several horse riding trails are available.

CAMPING - Camping is permitted only in park campgrounds or designated back-country sites. See Camping information, page 8.

PETS - All pets must be on a leash (maximum six feet) or under physical restraint at all times while in the park. The territorial instinct of dogs can lead to fights with other dogs on the trail. Dogs also frighten hikers and chase wildlife. If a pet cannot be kept under control, it should be left at home. Only service animals are permitted in facilities.

LAKES AND PONDS - These are for fishing and scenic beauty only, with no swimming allowed. Nearby U.S. Forest Service recreation areas, state parks, and mountain resorts often have swimming facilities.

PREVENT FOREST FIRES - Fires are permitted in the provided grills or fire pits in campgrounds and picnic areas only.

BOATS - Only on Price Lake, boats without motors or sails are permitted.

LITTER - Deposit all litter in the trash cans provided.

ALL NATURAL RESOURCES ARE PROTECTED - Leave wildflowers and other vegetation in their natural condition for others to enjoy. Do not disturb animal or plant life in any way. Hunting and trapping are prohibited. Do not interfere with animals by feeding, touching, or frightening them. Do not cut, deface, or damage trees.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - Possession of open containers of alcohol in vehicles is prohibited. Alcohol is permitted in campgrounds by registered campers and in picnic areas until 9:00 PM.

ACCESSIBILITY:

Most Parkway facilities are wheelchair usable. Some facilities have minor slope and/or structural barriers. For more information about access, please contact The Blue Ridge Parkway Headquarters, 199 Hemphill Knob Road, Asheville, NC 28803. Phone: **(828) 271-4779**.

PLACES TO PAUSE ALONG THE PARKWAY...

Check www.nps.gov/blri
for availability of food
and lodging
during the
2014 season.

	Milepost	Visitor Center	Camping	Exhibits	Programs	Restrooms	Picnic Areas
Humpback Rocks	5.8	H		H	HP	H	X
Otter Creek	60.9				H	HP	
James River	63.8			H			
Peaks of Otter*	86	H	H	H	H	H	HP
Explore Park VC	115	H		H		H	
Roanoke Mountain	120.4				H		
Rocky Knob^	169		H		HP	HP	H
Mabry Mill **	176.1			HP	HP	HP	
Groundhog Mountain	189					HP	H
Blue Ridge Music Cntr	213	H		H	H	H	
Cumberland Knob	217.5					H	H
Doughton Park	241.1		H	HP	HP	HP	
NW Trading Post	258.6					H	
Jeffress Park	272					HP	H
Cone Park	294.1	H		H	H	H	
Price Park	297.1		H		H	HP	H
Linn Cove Viaduct	304.4	H		H		H	
Linville Falls	316.4	H	H	H	X	H	H
Minerals Museum	331	H		H	H	H	
Crabtree Falls	339.5				HP		H
Craggy Gardens	364.6	H		H		HPA	H
Folk Art Center	382	H		H	H	H	H
Parkway Visitor Ctr.	384	H		H	H	H	H
Mt Pisgah*	408.6		H		HP	H	HP
Waterrock Knob	451.2	H		H	H	H	

H – Wheelchair Accessible. HP – Accessible with Assistance.
X – Not Handicapped Accessible.

HPA – Located in Picnic Area. *- Lodging and Dining Available.

** Dining Available. ^ Lodging Available.

CAMPING

Of the Parkway's nine campgrounds, most have at least some sites that will accommodate sizeable recreational vehicles, and all offer restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables and grills. The settings are tranquil and scenic, and most offer ready access to miles of hiking trails for those who want to explore on foot.

Be sure to ask about Ranger talks and campfire programs that are given most weekends and occasionally during the week.

Most campgrounds are at elevations of more than 2,500 feet, which means that temperatures are usually cooler than in the surrounding area. Even in summer a sweater can come in handy.

Campgrounds are open early May through October. Reservations may be made for some sites at the **Peaks of Otter, Rocky Knob, Price Park, Linville Falls, Doughton Park** and **Mt. Pisgah** campgrounds. Showers facilities are only available at Mt. Pisgah campground. All other campgrounds and sites are "first come, first served." To make a reservation, visit **www.recreation.gov** on the Internet or call toll-free **(877) 444-6777**. As a general rule, demand is higher on weekends and holidays. Camping is \$18 for all campgrounds. Senior and Access pass holders: \$10 per night.

Group camping is available only at **Linville Falls Campground**. Call **(828) 765-6082** for more information. In addition, limited backcountry camping is available via permit at **Basin Cove in Doughton Park**. **(336) 372-8568**, **Rock Castle Gorge** **(540) 745-9661** or **Johns River Road Trail** **(828) 295-7591**.

Camping outside of designated campgrounds or without a permit at backcountry sites is prohibited.



BICYCLING

In North Carolina, helmets are required for all bicyclists under sixteen years of age. In Virginia, the regulations vary by county. Helmets are a highly recommended safety item when bicycling the Blue Ridge Parkway as is high visibility clothing. Be sure to ride single file, well to the right hand side of the road and obey the same traffic rules that apply to motor vehicles. Bicycles are not permitted on trails or walkways. Plan ahead, and be sure to take into consideration elevation changes that will require more time, and of course, more exertion.



FISHING

The Parkway lies along the headwaters of many regional watersheds. Thirteen lakes were constructed for aesthetic beauty and recreational opportunities. Streams, ponds, and rivers give anglers ample opportunity to test their skills for trout, bass, and panfish. A state license from either North Carolina or Virginia is valid for fishing in all park waters. Creel limits and other regulations vary. Ask a ranger for details.

BE A GOOD GUEST IN BEAR COUNTRY!

Seeing bears can be the highlight of any visit to a national park. However, while visitors to the Parkway come and go, bears and other wildlife live here. Your actions can have a lasting impact on the behavior and health of these magnificent animals. Bears quickly lose their natural fear of people if fed human food, so do not feed them, crowd them or observe them too closely. Store all food, coolers, utensils or anything that may smell like food in locked vehicles. Place litter in garbage cans as soon as possible.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available at visitor centers, picnic areas and restaurants along the Parkway.

JUST FOR KIDS

PARKS R..4..U!

National Parks are all about getting outside, getting active, and getting healthy! "Let's Move!" (letsmove.gov) is a White House initiative dedicated to the idea of active families, active schools, and active communities. The Department of the Interior's "Youth in the Great Outdoors" initiative also helps achieve the vital goal of connecting young people with America's natural and cultural heritage by educating, engaging, and employing youth. These personal experiences can be the foundation of careers in resource stewardship. Join in any of the following as a way to connect and get active during your Parkway visit!

► RANGER LED PROGRAMS

Rangers and park volunteers share their knowledge of the Parkway by presenting a variety of interpretive programs from June through October. Campfire talks, guided hikes, historic craft demonstrations, music, and nature study are some of the activities you and your family can enjoy. Specific schedules are posted at all developed areas.

► JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMS

A Junior Ranger is someone like you who cares for and learns about America's national parks so that others in the future may enjoy them. Ask for a handbook at any visitor center and begin your journey to becoming a Parkway Junior Ranger.

► PARKS AS CLASSROOMS

Blue Ridge Parkway staff offers programs for students in their classrooms during the school year. The aim is to connect students with the natural world and the region's cultural heritage in ways that are real and meaningful, while meeting state curriculum standards. In the spring and fall, Rangers offer programs at many locations along the Parkway. Teachers should contact the closest Parkway office from the list provided in the "FOR TEACHERS" section of www.nps.gov/blri. The best hope for the future lies in educating today's children!



PARKWATCH: 1-800-PARKWATCH (727-5928)

The Parkwatch program encourages visitors and park neighbors to actively protect and preserve this special place.

Please be alert and report any uncontrolled fires, emergencies, accidents, safety hazards, vandalism, or crime to a park employee. For general Parkway information, call (828) 298 0398.



"MAKING A DIFFERENCE" A RESPONSIBLE VISIT

- The best diet for all animals is a natural one. Human food can make any wild animal sick. The digestive system of a white tail deer, common around campgrounds and picnic areas, only breaks down the natural food sources including twigs, bark, leaves, grasses and acorns. Wild animals like the taste of human food, but for their safety and health, do not feed them.
- The Parkway has unique habitats that support rare and endangered plants and animals. Many of these plants are threatened by foot traffic. The problem can be alleviated by the simple practice of staying on the trail. There are several especially sensitive areas, including the Tanawha Trail around Grandfather Mountain, the Craggy Pinnacle Trail at Craggy Gardens, and at Devil's Courthouse. Whether you suspect the presence of rare plants or not, please stay on the trail – if for no other reason than to protect all plants and to prevent erosion.
- Rabies can be transmitted by most wild animals. Animals in the park should not be treated as pets or lured close enough to feed or touch. If a squirrel, chipmunk, or other animal comes close without your encouragement, it could be a sign of serious illness. Please tell a ranger.
- All plants on the Parkway are protected. Many of our native wildflowers in the Blue Ridge are threatened by illegal harvesting. The large, round, shiny evergreen leaves of Galax have been gathered commercially in the southern Appalachian mountains for generations for decorative uses in floral arrangements. Now harvested on a much larger scale, they are being shipped to flower shops around the world.



NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS - RESERVING COMMUNITY STORIES

National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are lived-in landscapes, offering innovative methods for citizens, in partnership with government and nonprofits, to shape the long-term future of their communities. NHAs are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape. The National Park Service partners with, provides technical assistance, and distributes matching federal funds from Congress to NHA entities.

The Blue Ridge National Heritage Area is a partner in the operation of the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center at Milepost 384 and connects the stories and landscapes of 25 western North Carolina counties and the Cherokee's Qualla Boundary. The age-old traditions of music, crafts, food and mountain lore are yours to explore.

HOW DO NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS WORK?

National Heritage Areas (NHA) expand on traditional approaches to resource stewardship by supporting large-scale, community driven initiatives that connect local citizens to the preservation and planning process.

HOW DOES A REGION BECOME A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA?

Each National Heritage Area is designated by Congress and governed by separate authorizing legislation. For an area to be considered for designation, the landscape must have nationally distinctive natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources that tell a unique story about our country.

HOW DO COMMUNITIES BENEFIT FROM THE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATION?

The designation has both tangible and intangible benefits grounded in a community's pride in its history and traditions. It offers a collaborative approach to conservation without compromising traditional local control over and use of the landscape.

WHAT KINDS OF ACTIVITIES DOES A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA OFFER TO OUTSIDE VISITORS?

National Heritage Areas appeal to all ages and interests. Some have opportunities for walking, hiking, biking and paddling. Some have festivals to attend and museums to visit. Many Areas provide volunteer opportunities, group tours, and multiple-day excursions and can also be visited in combination with over 80 units of the National Park Service.

(For more information, visit www.nps.gov/history/heritageareas or www.blueridgeheritage.com)

Showy Blooms

A Quick Guide to some flowers & shrubs on the Parkway

Shrubs



Catawba Rhododendron
(*Rhododendron catawbiense*):
A medium shrub with pink to purple flowers growing above 3000 feet on exposed ridges.
June — Early July



Rosebay Rhododendron
(*Rhododendron maximum*):
also called White Rhododendron: A large shrub with white to pink flowers, over a wide range of elevations.
June — July



Flame Azalea
(*Rhododendron calendulaceum*):
A medium shrub with bright orange to red flowers. Azaleas are in the rhododendron family.
June — July



Wild Hydrangea
(*Hydrangea arborescens*):
A medium shrub with large clusters of white flowers.
May — August



Mountain Laurel
(*Kalmia latifolia*):
A medium shrub with pink flowers.
June — July



Pinxter Flower
(*Rhododendron nudiflorum*):
A medium shrub with pink honeysuckle-like flowers, common at lower elevations.
April — May

Flowers



Fire Pink
(*Silene virginica*):
This 6-20 inch plant has bright red flowers up to 1-1/2 inches wide.
April — June



Goat's Beard
(*Aruncus dioicus*):
3-5 feet tall with flower plumes 3-5 inches wide and 6-10 inches long.
May — June



Bluets
(*Houstonia* species):
3-6 inches tall with many small 4-petal flowers, light to dark blue. Bluets sometimes grow in large beds.
May-August



Turks-Cap Lily
(*Lilium superbum*):
6 to 10 feet tall with flowers 2-4 inches wide with a green star at center. The Carolina Lily (*L. michauxii*) is similar but lacks the green star and bears fewer flowers.
July-August



Large-Flowered Trillium
(*Trillium grandiflorum*):
The largest of several trilliums found along the parkway, grows to about 15 inches. Trilliums have 3 leaves and a single 3-petal flower.
April — May



Bee Balm
(*Monarda didyma* also called Oswego Tea):
2-5 feet tall with bright red 2-inch flowers. Wild Bergamot is similar but pink.
July — August

OTHER COMMON FLOWERS

Birdfoot Violet - (*Viola pedata*) 4-10 inches tall, bluish-purple flower. March — June
Columbine - (*Aquilegia canadensis*) about 2 feet tall, nodding red and yellow flower. June — July
Sun Drops - (*Oenothera fruticosa*) 1-2 feet tall, yellow 4-petal flower. June — July
Evening Primrose - (*Oenothera biennis*) 3-5 feet tall, yellow 4-petal flower. June — July
Phlox - (*Phlox* species) 2-6 feet tall, magenta-pink flowers. July — October
Touch-me-not - (*Impatiens* species) 3-6 feet tall, nodding yellow or orange flower. July — August
Tall Bellflower - (*Campanula americana*) 2-6 feet tall, blue, 5-petal flower. July — August
White Snakeroot - (*Eupatorium rugosum*) 3-5 feet tall, bright white flower heads. July — Sept

Dense Blazing Star - (*Liatris spicata*) 2-4 feet tall, rose-purple flowered spike. August — Sept
Goldenrod - (*Solidago* species) about 3 feet tall, golden-yellow spikes or plumes. August — Sept
Ox Eye Daisy - (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*) 1-3 feet tall; white petals, yellow center.
Black-Eyed Susan - (*Rudbeckia hirta*) 3-6 feet tall, yellow petals, black center.
Tall Coneflower - (*Rudbeckia laciniata*) 2-3 feet tall, drooping yellow petals, green center.
Coreopsis - (*Coreopsis major*) 2-3 feet tall, golden-yellow petals, green center.
Jerusalem Artichoke - (*Helianthus tuberosus*) 5-10 feet tall, yellow petals, yellow center.
Aster - (*Aster* species) 2-5 feet tall; many small flowers; blue, purple, or white petals.

Mount Mitchell State Park, NC

Mount Mitchell is the highest point in eastern North America, rising to 6,684 feet. A Mount Mitchell State Park map with trail information is available at the state park headquarters, two miles up NC State Highway 128 from the park entrance at Milepost 355.4. Write to Mount Mitchell State Park, 2388 State Hwy 128, Burnsville, NC 28714 or call (828) 675 4611. www.ncparks.gov

Appalachian Trail, VA

The Appalachian Trail parallels the first 100 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway to a point just north of Roanoke VA. There are many trail access points along this section of the Parkway. For more information, please refer to Appalachian Trail publications. www.nps.gov/appa



Popular Hiking Trails of the Blue Ridge Parkway

Hiking maps are available at Visitor Center closest to the trail or can be downloaded at www.nps.gov/blri

Virginia Trails

Milepost	Trail - Miles - Difficulty
5.9	Farm Museum Trail 0.25 easy *
34.4	Yankee Horse (logging RR) 0.2 moderate
60.8	Otter Creek 3.5 moderate *
63.1	Otter Lake Loop 0.8 moderate *
63.6	James River (canal locks) 0.2 easy *
63.6	Trail of Trees Loop 0.5 moderate *
78.4	Apple Orchard Falls 1.2 strenuous **
83.1	Fallingwater Cascades 1.6 moderate **
83.5	Flat Top 4.4 strenuous *
85.7	Abbott Lake Loop 1.0 easy *
85.9	Elk Run Loop 0.8 easy *
85.9	Johnson Farm Loop 2.1 moderate *
85.9	Harkening Hill 3.3 moderate *
86.0	Sharp Top 1.6 strenuous *
110.6	Stewart Knob 1.2 moderate *
114.9	Roanoke River Loop 0.35 easy *
120.4	Roanoke Mountain Summit 0.11 moderate *
154.5	Smart View Loop 2.6 moderate
167.1	Rock Castle Gorge Loop 10.8 strenuous *
176.2	Mabry Mill 0.5 easy
213.0	Fisher's Peak Loop 2.25 moderate *

North Carolina Trails

Milepost	Trail - Miles - Difficulty
217.5	Cumberland Knob 0.5 easy *
230.1	Little Glade Millpond Loop 0.4 easy
241.0	Fodder Stack 1.0 moderate *
271.9	Cascades Loop 0.5 moderate
294.0	Flat Top Mountain 3.0 moderate *
294.1	Figure 8 Loop 0.7 easy *
296.5	Boone Fork Loop 5.5 moderate-strenuous *
297.0	Price Lake Loop 2.7 moderate *
304.4	Linn Cove Viaduct Access 0.16 easy *
305.2	Beacon Heights 0.2 moderate *
305.5	Tanawha (MP 297 - 305) 13.5 moderate-strenuous * D
316.4	Linville Falls, Erwins View 0.8 moderate *
316.4	Linville Falls, Plunge Basin 0.5 strenuous *
339.5	Crabtree Falls 2.5 strenuous *
364.2	Craggy Pinnacle 0.7 moderate *
407.6	Mt. Pisgah Summit 1.3 moderate-strenuous *
407.6	Buck Springs (lodge to view) 1.06 easy-moderate *
408.5	Frying Pan Mountain 1.06 moderate-strenuous *
418.8	Graveyard Fields Stream Loop 2.3 moderate
431.0	Richland Balsam 1.5 moderate
451.2	Waterrock Knob Summit 0.6 moderate-strenuous

Please note: Distances are one way except for loop trails. See trail maps for distances, features, walking conditions and important advice.

* Hiking map is available. ** Designated National Recreation Trail. D=Tanawha has nine Parkway access points, several in the Grandfather Mountain area.

North Carolina's Mountains-to-Sea Trail

The Mountains-to-Sea Trail (MST), when complete, will extend over 930 miles from Clingman's Dome, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, to Jockey's Ridge on the North Carolina Outer Banks. Much of the MST parallels the Blue Ridge Parkway with many trail access points along the Parkway.

The Carolina Mountain Club maintains and builds trails from the Tanawha Trail to Stone Mountain (MP 305 - 236).

To volunteer, contact:

**Carolina
Mountain Club**
PO Box 10431
Raleigh, NC • 27605
www.ncmst.org

AIR QUALITY, VIEWSHEDS, AND THE PARKWAY EXPERIENCE

When asked about the value of their park experience, visitors to the Blue Ridge Parkway always mention the natural settings of the rural landscape and the dramatic high elevation vistas along the way. In many ways, the Parkway is a platform for visitors to climb up on and look off of. Thus, the park boundary becomes the horizon.

Shrinking views, however, are now common throughout this and other southern Appalachian parks. The height of the mountains, the highest in eastern North America, combine with prevailing weather patterns to trap and concentrate pollutants from automobiles, power plants, and industrialized areas outside of the region. National trends are showing an overall

improvement in air quality, but pollution and visibility in southern mountain parks are still affected.

This degrading visibility not only affects how far you can see, but how clearly as well. Colors appear to be washed out and pollution obscures landscape features. A uniform gray or white haze replaces the natural blue mist from which the mountains got their name.

Even low levels of air quality, especially ozone pollution, affects ecological health, scenic views, and, of course, visitor enjoyment. Children, the elderly, people with existing health problems, and active adults are most vulnerable.

Although solutions to air quality issues are complex and require changes to laws, any of us can do a number of things to help. Conservation measures such as less electricity use, energy efficient appliances, using cleaner forms of transportation and fuels, and driving less will help clean the atmosphere and preserve the views along the Parkway.



Parkway Partners

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

The protection of the Parkway and surrounding region is an immense task, with much at stake. Decades of eroding budgets have reduced staffing and made it more and more difficult to maintain the Parkway's aging and considerable infrastructure, to monitor and preserve its many natural and cultural resources, and provide educational services for visitors. The trend is undeniably clear: fewer staff members must confront mounting threats and try to carry out a dual mission of preserving the Parkway and serving the visiting public. They cannot do it alone. Their success will depend on mobilizing an army of concerned citizens. The Parkway of tomorrow will be defined by the extent to which people today are willing to speak out on behalf of the Parkway and to invest in its future. Fortunately, many non-profit partner groups now work hand-in-hand with the Parkway staff. While these organizations have differing missions, they share an overarching goal: to preserve and enhance the national treasure that is the Blue Ridge Parkway.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY ASSOCIATION: Promotes travel along the Parkway and provides print and electronic information to visitors about adjacent accommodations, attractions and communities. www.blueridgeparkway.org

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY FOUNDATION:

The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation brings people together to invest in family health, education, cultural enrichment, economic vitality, historic preservation, and outdoor recreation on the Blue Ridge Parkway. www.brpfoundation.org

Perhaps one of these groups
has a place for you to help!

FRIENDS OF THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY: Promotes volunteerism and leads tree plantings to screen adjacent development. www.blueridgefriends.org

BLUE RIDGE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA: Helps operate the Parkway's Visitor Center (Milepost 384) and promotes the preservation and enjoyment of western North Carolina's cultural and natural heritage. www.blueridgeheritage.com

EASTERN NATIONAL: Shop at nonprofit stores in Parkway visitor centers to enjoy your visit more, support visitor center staffing and generate cash donations to the Parkway. www.easternnational.org

CAROLINA MOUNTAIN CLUB: Provides trail maintenance at the Parkway's southern terminus. www.carolinamountainclub.org

CONSERVATION TRUST FOR NORTH CAROLINA (www.ctnc.org) and the **WESTERN VIRGINIA LAND TRUST** (www.westernvirginialandtrust.org) Provide funds to preserve key tracts of land along the Parkway and seek private landowner support.

SOUTHERN HIGHLAND CRAFT GUILD: Provides educational demonstrations, exhibits and sales of regional crafts. www.southernhighlandguild.org



Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation

Discover Your
Journey...
Then Help Us
Protect It.

The Blue Ridge Parkway is no ordinary road. With grand mountains on either side, rich Appalachian cultures along the way and stunning landscapes from beginning to end, this is a journey unlike any in the world.

But IT TAKES HARD WORK, AMPLE RESOURCES AND STEADY COMMITMENT to maintain this unforgettable experience and protect it from the many pressures that threaten to degrade it. Unlike many popular National Parks, the Parkway receives no income from entrance fees, so supporting it through the Foundation is critical to preserving this national treasure. Without your support, many of the resources, amenities and services

often taken for granted would vanish. Whether your interests are in education, environmental and resource protection, visitor amenities or cultural heritage, you can join the thousands of others who understand the importance of preserving this unforgettable experience for their children and grandchildren.



Visit BRPFoundation.org

Shenandoah Region:

Near Skyline Drive & Shenandoah National Park

■ GETTYSBURG, PA

Relive the history, experience the passion. Discover the new Gettysburg museums, tours, Pres. Eisenhower's home, wineries, farm markets, shopping and more. Visit www.gettysburg.travel or call 800-337-5015 for a free travel guide.

■ WINCHESTER/FREDERICK CO., VA

18 miles north of the Skyline Drive via US 522, I-81 Exits 310, 313, 315, 317. Historic district, quaint towns, museums, professional theatre, cinema, golf, and fine restaurants. For more info: Winchester-Frederick County Visitors Center 1400 S. Pleasant Valley Road Winchester, VA 22601 www.visitwinchesterva.com (877) 871-1326.

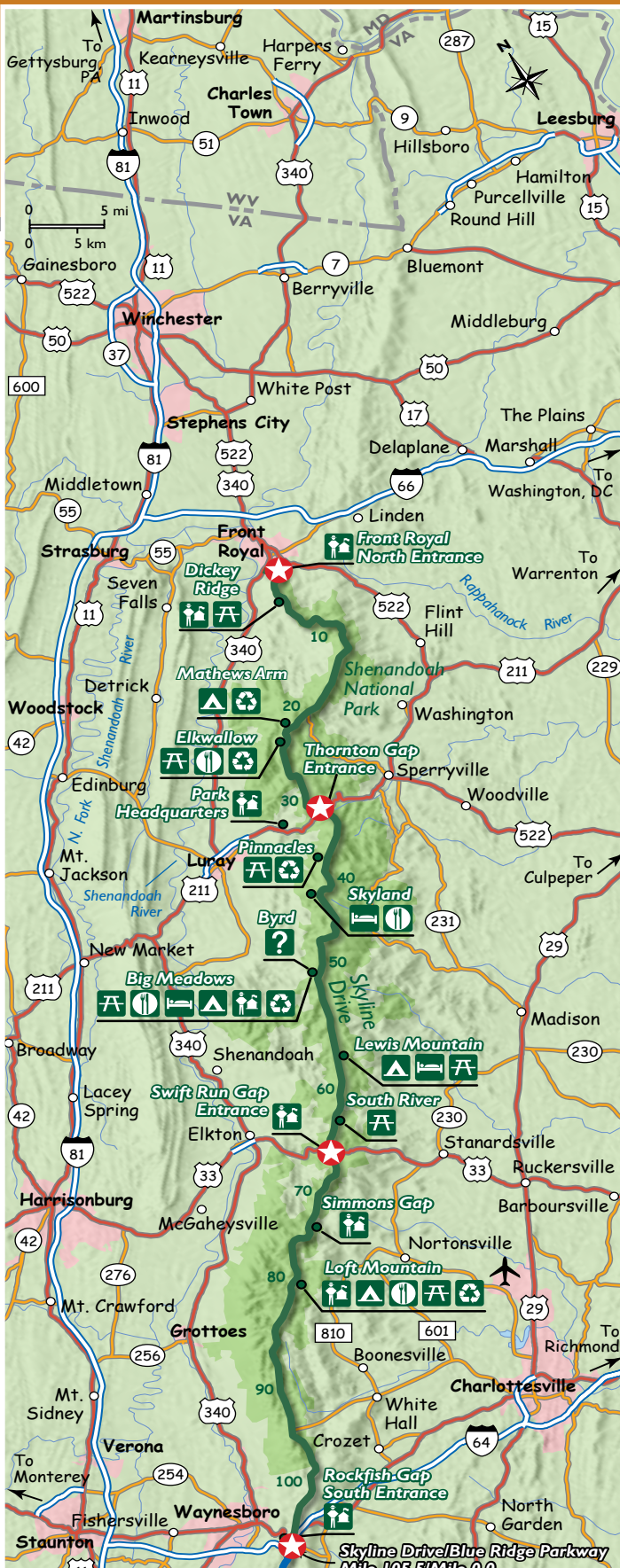
Dinosaur Land - 3848 Stonewall Jackson Hwy, White Post, VA 22663. Intersection 522, 340, & 277. 8 miles south of Winchester, VA. Over 50 Dinosaurs, gift shop. www.dinosaurland.com (540) 869-2222.

Hilton Garden Inn - Full-service hotel, within walking distance of restaurants, shops & entertainment venues. Complimentary fitness center, heated pool, & whirlpool. www.winchester.hgi.com (540) 722-8881.

Museum of the Shenandoah Valley - Anchors a regional history museum complex including Glen Burnie Historic House & 6 acres of formal gardens. Open Tues-Sun 10 am - 4 pm. www.shenandoahmuseum.org (888) 556-5799.

■ SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VA

Whatever the season you will love Shenandoah County! Golfing, skiing, history, antiques, wineries, historic towns, festivals and caverns. There's only one Shenandoah County in the Shenandoah Valley! www.shenandoahtravel.org (888) 367-3965.



MAP KEY:

explanatory table
of symbols used
on Parkway maps

 PICNIC AREA

 RANGER STATION

 TENT AREA

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 RECYCLE AREA

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 INFORMATION

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 PARKWAY ACCESS

The park holds more than 500 miles of trails, including 101 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Trails may follow a ridge crest, or they may lead to high places with panoramic views or to waterfalls in deep canyons.

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SHENANDOAH

NATIONAL PARK



Shenandoah National Park lies astride a beautiful section of the Blue Ridge Mountains, which form the eastern rampart of the Appalachian Mountains between Pennsylvania and Georgia. The Shenandoah River flows through the valley to the west, with Massanutten Mountain, 40 miles long, standing between the river's north and south forks. The rolling Piedmont country lies to the east of the park. Skyline Drive, a 105-mile road that winds along the crest of the mountains through the length of the park, provides vistas of the spectacular landscape to east and west. Many animals, including deer, black bears, and wild turkeys, flourish among the rich growth of an oak-hickory forest. In season, bushes and wildflowers bloom along the Drive and trails and fill the open spaces. Apple trees, stone foundations, and cemeteries are reminders of the families who once called this place home. Shenandoah National Park has many stories waiting to be told, and a world of beauty that can renew and bring peace to the spirit.

Facilities and Services

Includes visitor centers, bookstores, campgrounds, showers and laundries, picnic areas, gift shops, lodges, cabins, restaurants, gas stations, ATMs, waysides, campstores, a stable, & restrooms.

- All facilities and services are available mid-May through late October.
- Some are also available April, May, and November. Plan to obtain all food, gas, and lodging outside of the park in December, January, February, and March.
- Telephone (540) 999-3500 for the most current information.

www.nps.gov/shen

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Visitors can participate in ranger-guided activities, view audio-visual programs or exhibits at visitor centers, fish, enjoy the panoramic views from overlooks, hike to peaks and waterfalls, or just plain relax in the peaceful surroundings.

Continuing a tradition set by George Freeman Pollock, who founded a resort at Skyland long before Shenandoah National Park was established, ARAMARK, the park's concessioner offers a variety of activities for visitors in spring, summer, and fall providing a terrific way to have fun and learn more about the park's history and wildlife as well as regional arts, music and crafts.

For a Calendar of Events, visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/shen.

A LITTLE HISTORY

In 1926, U.S. Congress authorized Shenandoah National Park. Today 197,000 acres of eastern deciduous forest are a sanctuary for more than 100 varieties of trees, 200 bird species, and 1,100 flowering plants.

Lands were gradually purchased using private donations and through condemnation using states funds. On December 26, 1935, Virginia gave the deeds to the Federal Government, formally establishing the park. In 1936, Shenandoah was dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for the recreation and re-creation found here.

Visit Shenandoah and step back in time. Over 400 buildings and structures within the Skyline Drive Historic District are listed on the National Register of Historic Places as being nationally significant for their architecture and association with the history of the 1920s and 1930s.

Today, approximately 1.2 million visitors come to Shenandoah each year to enjoy this natural wonder. It is our hope that this park, created as a peaceful refuge for nearby urban populations, will continue to offer relaxation, recreation, and inspiration for many generations to come.

■ WOODSTOCK, VA

Located on Rt. 11, I-81 exit 283.

Hampton Inn & Suites - 1150 Motel Dr. off I-81 exit 283.

Free hot breakfast, free Wi-Fi, indoor pool, meeting rooms.

www.hamptoninnwoodstock.com (540) 459-7111.

■ FRONT ROYAL, VA

Located at Milepost 0, Front Royal is the stepping on and off point for a wonderful and spectacular Skyline Drive tour through the Shenandoah National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

www.discoverfrontroyal.com (800) 338-2576.

ATTRACTIONS

Skyline Caverns - US 340, 1 mile south of Front Royal. Open all year. Miniature train, gift shop, fast food, country store, rock shop. Guided tour is impressive & educational. Unusual Anthodite formations. www.skylinecaverns.com (800) 296-4545.

LODGING & RECREATION

Front Royal Canoe Co. - Canoe, tube, raft, & kayak trips on the South Fork of the Shenandoah River. Located 3 mi. south of Front Royal on Rt. 340. Open Daily, 9-6 weekdays, 7-7 weekends.

www.frontroyalcanoe.com (540) 635-5440.

Hampton Inn - 9800 Winchester Rd. .01 mi. S of I-66 from N. entrance Shenandoah Nat'l Park. Newly renovated, suite shop, fitness center, indoor pool, business center, free hot breakfast, Wi-Fi, HHonors Points. (540) 635-1882. www.FrontRoyal.HamptonInn.com

Quality Inn - 10 Commerce Ave, N entrance Shen Natl Park, bike parking, free breakfast, pool, restaurant, LCD TV - HBO, free Wi-Fi, laundry, renovated. www.qualityinn-frontroyal.com (540) 635-3161.



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Winchester-Frederick County, VA

We are 18 miles north of the Skyline Drive, via US 522 and I-81 Exit 313 (313B if heading south)

Located at the top of the Shenandoah Valley and just minutes from Shenandoah National Park, Winchester-Frederick County is a choice destination for visitors who appreciate friendly, relaxing towns with big city amenities and the rural countryside.

Winchester-Frederick County Visitors Center
1400 S. Pleasant Valley Rd.
Winchester, VA 22601

Take in the sheer scenic beauty, premiere shopping and dining destinations, family-friendly festivals, outdoor recreational activities, farm markets, live theatre, historical attractions, and musical events that await your enjoyment in the city and county known for apples, the Civil War, Patsy Cline, George Washington, the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival and much more.

877-871-1326

www.visitwinchesterva.com



0 **Junction US 340 and Skyline Drive.** From Front Royal east 35 miles to Middleburg. 63 mi. to Washington D.C.; southeast 18 mi. to Washington, VA; north 21 mi. to Winchester.

0.6 **Front Royal (North) Entrance Station** is staffed by National Park Service personnel who, besides collecting entrance fees, can answer your questions and give other assistance.

2.8 **Shenandoah Valley Overlook** provides a sweeping view across the valley to Signal Knob, a Civil War communications post to the right on Massanutten Mountain. The mountain divides the valley and the Shenandoah River, with the south fork on the near side and the north fork on the far side. The two forks meet north of Front Royal.

4.5 **Dickey Ridge Visitor Center.** Exhibits, movie, publications, water, comfort stations and picnic grounds. Alt. 1,940.

6.8 **Gooney Run Overlook** gives a view across the valley and towards Dickey Ridge on the right.

17.1 **Range View Overlook** offers a spectacular view of a large section of the Blue Ridge.

20.9 **Hogback Overlook.** 11 bends of Shenandoah River visible on clear days. Alt. 3,385.

22.2 **Mathews Arm Campground** is open late May through October. Tent and trailer sites, sewage disposal station. No showers or laundry. Camp store two miles south on Skyline Drive.

24 **Elkwallow.** Picnic grounds and Wayside, grills, snack bar, gift shop, water and comfort station.

■ WASHINGTON, VA

12 miles east of Skyline Drive on US 211.

Caledonia Farm B&B - 1812 Historic landmark. Adj. Shen. Pk. Romantic honeymoon suite & 2 rooms. AC/fireplaces/bikes/full breakfast/hospitality. www.bnb1812.com (800) BNB-1812.

28.4 **Beahms Gap** provides access to the Appalachian Trail and shorter trails.

■ LURAY-PAGE COUNTY, VA

Nestled between the Blue Ridge & Massanutten Mountains, Page Valley is a beautiful escape any time of the year. "Once you visit us, you may never want to leave." www.LurayPage.com or (888) 743-3915.



Front Royal, VA

Welcome to Front Royal, Virginia the northern Gateway to Shenandoah National Park and the Canoe Capital of Virginia. Steeped in rich history and natural beauty this thriving community boasts attractions and amenities for everyone.

The Blue Ridge Mountains meet the Shenandoah River in Front Royal beckoning you to discover miles of parkland, hiking trails, electrifying waterfalls and wildlife viewing.

Outfitters rent canoes, kayaks, rafts, and tubes for floating down the Shenandoah, its beauty celebrated in song. Taste and tour at World-class Wineries, and play the greens at five award-winning Golf destinations. Live, Shop, Play and Visit Historic Downtown Front Royal located just one mile north of Shenandoah National Park. Highlights include museums, antiques, fine art, estate jewelry, live music and do-it-yourself crafts.

Enjoy an eclectic mix of restaurants and relax in the Village Commons, a favorite spot for events, concerts and meeting friends. Take a rest from your adventures at one of our many bed & breakfasts, motels or campgrounds.

For Details on Attractions, Events
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National Park
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ATTRACTIONS

Luray Caverns - Eastern America's largest and most popular caverns. A U.S. Natural Landmark featuring the world's only Stalacpipe Organ. Skyline Drive and Shenandoah National Park 10 min; I-81, 15 min. www.luraycaverns.com (540) 743-6551.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Allstar Lodging Vacation Cabins - 100+ unique vacation rentals. 1-10 bdr. sleep 2-30 guests. In Luray, near Caverns, Skyline Drive, mountain views, riverfront, fireplace, hot tub, Jacuzzi, swimming pool, kitchen, open yr. round, pets welcome. www.allstarlodging.com or Toll Free (866) 780-7827.

Luray Caverns Motels - Opposite each caverns entrance. Quiet, scenic locations with Blue Ridge Mountain views. Discount food coupons, free WiFi, pools. Golf packages at Caverns Country Club Resort. (540) 743-6551; (888) 941-4531.

The Mimslyn Inn - Circa 1931. "Vintage Southern Hospitality". Comfortable, inviting, and ready for you to experience. 401 W. Main St. www.mimslyninn.com or (540) 743-5105.

Shenandoah River Outfitters & River Log Cabins - Canoe, kayak, raft, tube the Shenandoah or stay in the river cabins. www.shenandoahriver.com (800) 6-CANOE2.



Check out a list of Parkway trails on page 11.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park - 5 miles from Drive on US 211 West. Beautiful mountain views. All facilities for RV's or tents. Pool, themed mini golf, 3 types of cabins, water slide. Late Mar-Nov. www.campluray.com. Reservations (800) 420-6679.

SHENANDOAH CAVERNS, VA

5 miles north of New Market, I-81 Exit 269.

Shenandoah Caverns - Thrilling visitors from around the world, Shenandoah Caverns is the only cavern in Virginia with elevator service. Explorers of every age and ability will discover an underground world of wonder. With level walkways and no stairs, only our sights are breathtaking! Four attractions, one low price. American Celebration on Parade, Main Street of Yesteryear and the Yellow Barn. Open all year. www.shenandoahcaverns.com
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Luray & Page County, VA

'Scenic and Beautiful' are top descriptions of Luray and Page County, Virginia

Scenic Page County offers year-round refreshment and relaxation—in addition to shopping and dining—in the charming communities of Luray, Shenandoah and Stanley. Area attractions include the legendary Luray Caverns; Shenandoah National Park and the Skyline Drive; miles of hiking and biking trails; golf and a variety of sports on the beautiful Shenandoah River. Look for locally-produced food on restaurant menus. Wisteria Farm & Vineyard is the perfect spot for a picnic and a day in the country. Page County makes a beautiful destination for holidays—spend a romantic weekend in TLC's Number Two Destination Wedding Locale. There are hotels, B&Bs and cabins galore! Your journey begins at the Luray-Page County Chamber of Commerce website at www.LurayPage.com. Call them at 888-743-3915.

1-888-743-3915

www.CabinCapital.com

www.LurayPage.com

Visitors Center hours:
9am-5pm daily

18 Campbell St. • Luray, VA 22835



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Shenandoah Valley Travel Association - Request an official Shenandoah Valley Travel Guide at www.VisitShenandoah.org or call (800) VISIT-SV. Mail requests to P.O. Box 1040, New Market, VA 22844.

■ NEW MARKET, VA

15 miles west of Skyline Drive on US 211. I-81 Exit 264.

Virginia Museum of the Civil War & New Market

Battlefield State Historical Park - Museum exhibit presents entire Civil War in Virginia with focus exhibit on the VMI cadets in the Battle of New Market. Museum shop, picnic area, overlooks. Walking trail on actual battlefield. www.vmi.edu/newmarket (866) 515-1864.

31.3 Thornton Gap Entrance - West 9 mi. to Luray, 24 mi. to New Market. East 7 mi. to Sperryville, 26 mi. to Culpeper. Alt. 2,304. Thornton Gap is one of the major entrances to the park. Park rangers at the entrance station can answer your questions and give other assistance. Park Headquarters is four miles west on US 221.

32.2 Mary's Rock Tunnel built in 1932, goes through 600 feet of rock with a 12'8" clearance.

36.6 Pinnacles. Picnic grounds with shelter, tables, grills, fireplaces, water and comfort station. Alt. 3,350. Access to Appalachian Trail.



Please keep dogs on leashes at all Parkway overlooks and on trails.

PARKWAY POINTS to Ponder

A LONG ROAD

The Parkway was the longest road ever designed as a single unit at the time construction began in 1935.

- 38.5 Stony Man Peak** is straight ahead as you enter the overlook from the north. Across the valley is Massanutten Mountain. You can see the profile of a man looking skyward.
- 39 Little Stony Man Cliffs** can be reached by a round trip hike of 0.9 mile from the parking area. Access to Appalachian Trail.
- 41.7 Entrance to Skyland.** Highest point on Skyline Drive at 3,680 feet. One of the primary tourist facility stops. Naturalist George Freeman Pollock who built Skyland resort in the 1890s, was a major proponent for establishing the park. Lodge, dining room, gift shop, riding horses, Stony Man Nature Trail and other trails, conducted hikes and evening programs.
- Skyland Resort** - Located in Shenandoah National Park at MP 41.7. Open from 3:00 p.m. March 27 to noon November 30, 2014. Features 177 rooms ranging from rustic cabins to cozy suites with fireplaces, full service restaurant, a gift shop with handcrafted items and special gifts, & bar with entertainment 7 days a week. Guided horse rides, special events & scheduled ranger activities. www.goshenandoah.com Call (877) 247-9261.
- 43 Limberlost Trail** (accessible), a 1.3 mile loop, passes through an old orchard and the remains of an ancient hemlock grove. It is an accessible trail (with assistance), with a crushed greenstone walkway, wooden boardwalk and bridge, and many benches.
- 44.2 Crescent Rock Overlook** 25 yards from the Skyline Drive, provides the best view of Hawksbill Mountain. Another trail leads to Bettys Rock, 0.8 mile round trip.
- 45.5 Hawksbill Gap Parking Area** trails lead to Hawksbill Mountain, at 4,051 feet the highest point in the park.
- 46.6 Whiteoak Canyon** has six waterfalls. A trail 4.6 miles round trip, leads to the first waterfall and passes the Limberlost Trail in an area with bountiful mountain laurel.

50.4

Dark Hollow Falls, the waterfall closest to the Drive, cascades 70 feet over greenstone. Round trip from the parking area is 1.4 miles.

51

Big Meadows offers a multitude of activities and services at three sites, all connected by a network of trails. Byrd Visitor Center is one of the park's two major information facilities, providing exhibits on the area's human and natural history; films and ranger programs; sales outlet for publications, and maps; conducted hikes; and self-guiding nature trail. The wayside facilities includes a camp store, gift shop and service station. One mile from the Drive, using either entrance, is Big Meadows Lodge with rooms, dining room and gift shop open in spring, summer and fall. Big Meadows Campground has tent and trailer sites, trailer sewage disposal station, showers, laundry, ice, firewood, self guiding nature trail, picnic ground and the summer campfire program. During the summer and fall, campsites at the Campground may be available by reservation only. The Big Meadows campground, the Lodge, and Wayside are usually closed in winter. Byrd Visitor Center will be open this year, weather permitting, on weekends through the winter. Please call the park for current information of if you plan to visit in winter. Shenandoah National Park Headquarters - (540) 999-3500.

Big Meadows Lodge - Located in Shenandoah National Park at MP 51. Open from 3:00 p.m. May 14 - noon November 2, 2014. Features 97 rooms from rustic cabins to cozy suites with fireplaces, full service restaurant & bar with entertainment 7 days a week. Gift shop with handcrafted items and special gifts. www.goshenandoah.com Call (877) 247-9261.

56.4

Bearfence Mountain Summit provides a 360 degree view. The round trip from the parking lot is only 1.2 miles but part of it is a rock scramble and can be difficult, especially if wet. Wear sturdy shoes.

57.2

Lewis Mountain Facilities and services include cabins, campground with tent and trailer sites, camp store, picnic ground and campfire facilities. Alt. 3,390.

62.5

South River is a fine place to stop for a picnic and then take a hike to South River Falls, 2.6 miles round trip.

■ CULPEPER, VA

Just a short distance from Skyline Drive via Rt. 211 and 522. Civil War battlefields, miles of scenic byways, country inns, wineries, and unparalleled shopping and dining. www.visitculpeperva.com Call 888-CULPEPER.



Culpeper, VA

Just a short drive from the Parkway lies Culpeper, a historic and revitalized Virginia town filled with world class restaurants, vintage diners, local art, antiques, unique shops, and more. Enjoy classic movies on the big screen at the beautiful Library of Congress Packard Campus Theater or a stage performance at the newly restored art-deco State Theatre.

The Civil War battlefields around Cedar Mountain, Brandy Station, and Kelly's Ford are well preserved and perfect for rediscovering the history that surrounds you, and the Graffiti House in Brandy Station is a must-see. Visit the Museum of Culpeper History for a look at Culpeper's history from pre-historic times through the 21st century.

Culpeper lies at the foothills of the Blue Ridge, and is an ideal base to hike, bike, paddle, fish, and horseback ride. Enjoy a fine Virginia wine at our award-winning wineries, or visit Virginia's only legal moonshine at Belmont Farm Distillery. Whatever you're looking for, Culpeper has so many things to love!

**The State
Theatre now
open in
downtown
Culpeper!**

Culpeper Visitors Center
111 S. Commerce Street
1-888-CULPEPER

Culpeper Department of Tourism
www.visitculpeperva.com
540-727-0611





Native plants are protected species along the Parkway.

■ MADISON, VA

Beautiful mountains & foothills. Variety of outdoor activities: trout fishing, horseback riding, hunting, backpacking, & birding. Madison Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center - 110A N Main St, Madison, VA 22727. www.madison-va.com (540) 948-4455.

■ ORANGE, VA

Premier historic sites, award-winning wineries, fine dining, first-class accommodations & unsurpassed beauty can all be found in Orange County! www.visitorangevirginia.com (877) 222-8072.

66.3 Hightop Mountain Parking, at an elevation of 2,637 feet, is on the west side of the Drive near a crossing of the Appalachian Trail

Massanutten Resort - 20 min. from Skyline Dr., Swift Run exit. Indoor waterpark, spa, skiing, dining, golf, retail and more. Visit www.massresort.com or (540) 289-9441.

■ HARRISONBURG, VA

Hardesty-Higgins House Visitor Center - located inside the Hardesty-Higgins House, 23 miles from Skyline Drive, on 33 West to visit us for shopping, museums, and local eateries. Plan your adventure in historic Harrisonburg by visiting the Hardesty-Higgins House Visitor Center, the place where history and hospitality meet. 212 S. Main St. Open daily 9am-5pm www.VisitHarrisonburgVA.com (540) 432-8935.

Old Massanutten Lodge B & B - Exit at MP 65.7 at Swift Run. "We're Here To Pamper You." 3 elegant rooms, w/ baths, some whirlpools, full gourmet breakfasts. Close to US 33 & I-81 Exit 247. www.oldmassanuttenlodge.com (540) 269-8800.

Stonewall Jackson Inn - Stay Here! Affordable, 5 star & top rated by TripAdvisor & B&B.com. Harrisonburg's lively Historic District, 10 rooms. Check our happy guest reviews! EZ on/off @ Skyline MP 65. www.StonewallJacksonInn.com (800) 445-5330.

The Village Inn & Restaurant - I-81 Exit 243. Scenic rural setting, free HBO, relaxing pool and hot tub, deluxe playground, wireless internet, in-room coffee, microwave & refrigerator. AAA 3 Diamond. Family owned for 3 generations. www.thevillageinn.travel (540) 434-7355.

■ GROTTOS, VA

From MP 0, 4 miles West of the Parkway via US 250 and 12 miles North via US 340.

Grand Caverns - America's oldest continuously operated show cave & voted #2 in U.S. by Parade magazine. Experience nature's handiwork. Open daily. www.grandcaverns.com (888) 430-CAVE.

66.8 Swift Run Gap. Junction US 33. East 12 miles to Standardsville, west 7 mi. to Elkton, 24 mi. to Harrisonburg. South 25 mi. to Grottoes. Alt. 2,365 Park Rangers at the entrance station can answer your questions and give other assistance.

66.8 Swift Run Overlook offers a view of the Piedmont to the east and Flattop to the south.

77.8 Rockytop Overlook provides a good view of the wild canyon country of the Big Run watershed.

79.5 Loft Mountain. Loft Mountain Campground has both tent and trailer sites, a trailer sewage disposal station, wayside facility with a camp store, gift shop, picnic ground, showers, laundry, ice, firewood, a self-guiding nature trail, and conducted programs in the summer. This campground usually closes in late October. Amphitheater; hikes in summer. Alt. 3,300

81.1 Doyles River Trail takes you to the upper falls, 2.6 miles round trip.

84.1 Jones Run is a good place to park for a rewarding hike of 3.4 miles, round trip to the 42 foot Jones Run Falls. The reward: mosses and flowering plants growing on the water-sprayed cliff.

84.8 Blackrock Summit Parking is the start of a one-mile round trip hike to Blackrock and outstanding views.

94 Turk Gap Parking Area leads to a 2.2 mile round-trip through congressionally designated Wilderness to impressive views on top of Turk Mountain.

■ CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

Follow signs toward Downtown to the Visitor Center (610 E Main Street) to get travel information, same-day lodging assistance and more! Open daily. www.VisitCharlottesville.org
Toll free (877) 386-1103.

ATTRACTIONS

Barboursville Vineyards & Historic Ruins - 30 min E of Pkwy, Rt 33 at Rt 20. Tastings daily at Virginia's most honored winery, fine dining at Palladio Restaurant. Details & Calendar of Events. www.barboursvillewine.com Reservations (540) 832-3824.

Monticello, Home of Thomas Jefferson - 2 miles SE on Rte 53 off Rte 20 & I-64. Day passes include house tours. Special tours including the Behind-the-Scenes tour also offered daily. Visit website to book in advance. Cafe & The Shop at Monticello. 931 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, Charlottesville, VA. www.monticello.org (434) 984-9800.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

English Inn - US 29N & US 250 bypass. Std & king rms. Incl. Full breakfast buffet, 24 hrs coffee/tea, heated indoor pool. Ask about packages & discounts. 2000 Morton Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22903. www.englishinncharlottesville.com (800) 786-5400 or (434) 971-9900.

Hilton Garden Inn Charlottesville - Exit at Milepost 0 to I-64E to exit 124. Restaurant, indoor pool, free HSIA, near Monticello & Downtown. www.stayHGI.com (434) 979-4442.

Super 8 Motel - Jct US 29N & US 250 bypass. Continental breakfast. Cable TV HBO. Interior corridors. 390 Greenbriar Dr. Charlottesville, VA 22901. (800) 800-8000 or (434) 973-0888.

PARKWAY POINTS to Ponder

THINGS TO DO

Today's visitors to the Blue Ridge Parkway can enjoy the scenery in ways that early designers of the road could not imagine. From overnight backpacking along the Appalachian Trail in Virginia to short stops at overlooks, the Parkway consistently attracts more visitors than any other unit of America's National Park System. Crowds and congestion, however, are rare except during October weekends.

PARKWAY POINTS to Ponder

WATCH THE WEATHER!

The Blue Ridge Parkway is a place of extremes, varying greatly in elevation, ecosystems, and climatic conditions. Weather changes can occur rapidly, so be prepared when clouds roll in. Watching the weather while standing at a Parkway overlook can be a grand and interesting experience.

■ CROZET, VA

10 miles East of Parkway, Exit Milepost 0

Montfair Resort Farm - 18 mi. from Parkway MP 0. Nine mi. N. of Crozet. 8 eco-friendly vacation cabins by lake. Pets welcome. Hiking, fishing, canoes, mtn. bikes, WiFi at office. www.montfairresortfarm.com (434) 823-5202.

98.5 Calf Mountain Overlook provides a spectacular 300 degree view.

104.5 Rockfish (South) Entrance Station is staffed by the Park Service.

105.4 Rockfish Gap. Junction Skyline Drive, Blue Ridge Parkway, and US 250, west (on US 250) 4 mi. to Waynesboro, 15 mi. to Staunton. East (on 250) 20 to Charlottesville. I-64 also crosses the mountains here. Rockfish Gap starts, or ends Skyline Drive, depending on which way you are heading. The Drive runs directly into Blue Ridge Parkway, also administered by the National Park Service.



Roads designated by the
U.S. Department of Transportation
are considered part of the America's
Byways collection.

To receive an All-American Road designation, as the Blue Ridge Parkway, a road must possess multiple intrinsic qualities that are nationally significant, and contain one-of-a-kind features that do not exist elsewhere.

The road must also be considered a "destination unto itself." That is, the road must provide an exceptional traveling experience so recognized by travelers that the primary reason for their trip would be to drive along the Byway.

Visit www.byways.org for more information

THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Many visitors want to know how to have the maximum experience on the Blue Ridge Parkway. In this day and age, people are busy and time is valuable. People are inundated with information and want to be “connected” to their sources of information as much as possible. Increasingly, people are also satisfied with getting their experiences from secondary sources, rather than the real thing. A Parkway experience defies all of these trends. At its best, a Parkway experience needs to be just the opposite... slow and relaxed, unconnected from the rest of the world’s hectic information, and real... lots of sunshine, wind, and close-up views of the cultural and natural world of the Blue Ridge.

This special road hugs the crest of the world’s oldest mountain range and winds through the coves and forest slopes that make up so much of southern Appalachia. That kind of experience tends to stamp an impression on your mind... it should be an experience that is unforgettable.

During your Parkway experience, keep in mind the pride, enjoyment, and responsibility that go along with it. Your pride



At each Parkway entrance a directional sign indicates ‘north’ or ‘south’. North, toward the north end of the Parkway, leads to Shenandoah National Park. South, toward the south end of the Parkway, leads to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Outstanding scenery and recreational opportunities make the Blue Ridge Parkway one of the most popular units of the National Park System. “America’s Favorite Drive” winds its way 469 miles through mountain meadows and past seemingly endless vistas. Split-rail fences, old farmsteads and historic structures complement spectacular views of distant mountains and neighboring valleys.

The Parkway incorporates several recreation areas, some exceeding 6,000 acres. These parks within the Parkway have visitor centers, campgrounds, picnic areas, trails and, in many instances, concessioner-operated lodges, restaurants and other facilities.

Building the Parkway through mountainous terrain was a monumental labor. Authorized in the 1930s as a Depression-era public works project, the Parkway was more than a half-century in the making. It was the nation’s first, and ultimately longest, rural parkway, connecting Shenandoah National Park in Virginia with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina. Enduring standards for parkway engineering and design were pioneered here.

in this place, whether you are a neighbor enjoying an afternoon drive or here from outside the region for the first time, is important and helps in protecting the Parkway. Your enjoyment may come from the streams, trails, wildlife, and historic structures, or from the intangible things like cool air, vistas, or the absolute serenity of the place. Your responsibility comes in the stewardship that is required of all visitors to all National Park sites. This place cannot stay the way we know it without community, regional, and individual help.

It has been noted that “too many places we see in America today look like too many places we see in America today.” Interstates, inner cities, subdivisions... all look very much alike no matter where you are in our country. But America’s national parks aren’t like that. They are places where visitors have unique experiences, remarkable experiences, and experiences that are unattainable anywhere else.

However you choose to “maximize” your Parkway experience this year, do it thoughtfully, do it safely, and take full advantage of all that this special place has to offer.

Gas Availability

No gasoline is available on the Parkway. Gas is available not far off the Parkway at any of these US or State Highway intersections:

Virginia

US 250	MP 0	less than 3 miles west
US 60	MP 45.6	less than 5 miles west
US 501	MP 63.7	less than 2 miles south
VA 43	MP 90.9	less than 5 miles north
US 460	MP 106	less than 4 miles west
VA 24	MP 112.2	less than 2 miles east or west
US 220	MP 121.4	less than 5 miles north
US 58	MP 177.7	less than 1 mile east
US 52	MP 199.4	less than 1 mile north
VA 89	MP 215.8	less than 8 miles north

North Carolina

US 21	MP 229.7	less than 8 miles west
NC 18	MP 248.1	less than 3 miles west
NC 16	MP 261.2	less than 12 miles west
US 321	MP 291.8	less than 2 miles north or south
NC 181	MP 312	less than 3 miles north
NC 226	MP 330.9	less than 3 miles north
US 70	MP 382.5	less than 2 miles east or west
US 74A	MP 384.7	less than 3 miles south
US 25	MP 388.8	less than 1 mile south
		less than 3 miles north
NC 191	MP 393.6	less than 3 miles north
US 276	MP 411.8	less than 10 miles north
US 74/23	MP 443.1	less than 3 miles east
US 19	MP 455.7	less than 3 miles east

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For Blue Ridge Parkway information, including road conditions or closings, please visit www.nps.gov/blri

Blue Ridge Parkway Ridge Region:

Milepost 0, Rockfish Gap to
Milepost 106, Roanoke, VA

Blue Ridge Parkway Virginia and North Carolina

The Blue Ridge Parkway is a scenic highway that connects Shenandoah National Park and the Skyline Drive in Virginia, with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee. The Parkway, which traverses Virginia and western North Carolina, encompasses a 469-mile drive that includes many areas of natural and cultural significance.

The majority of the Parkway in Virginia runs through the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests and into the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forest in North Carolina along mountain crests. The road itself is a two-lane highway with a 45 mph speed limit, but for travelers who enjoy “driving trips,” traveling the Parkway can be a very special experience.

The attractions along the Virginia portion of the Parkway differ slightly from those on the North Carolina side. In Virginia, the re-created mountain farms near Humpback Rocks at the beginning of the Parkway and Mabry Mill, further south, give visitors a glimpse of traditional mountain life in the early days of settlement. In North Carolina, Linville Falls, the Cradle of Forestry, and other natural wonders, feature the natural environment. In addition to the stops right along the Parkway itself, the road is next to historic towns from top to bottom, making for fascinating exploration of the heritage and culture of the region along the way. The headquarters of the Blue Ridge Parkway is located in Asheville, North Carolina, a city well known to literary figures including Carl Sandburg, Thomas Wolfe and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Exploration of their homes and haunts in the Asheville area presents an interesting side trip and a one or two day break from driving.



Motorcycles, cars and bicycles are common sights on the Parkway.
Share the road.



MAP KEY: Refer to page 13 for explanation of symbols

0 **Rockfish Gap** - Junction Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive, US 250 Crossover. West 4 miles to Waynesboro, 15 mi. to Staunton and 60 miles to Monterey. East 20 mi. to Charlottesville. Alt. 1,909. Afton. VA Exit US 250, MP 0.

■ STAUNTON, VA

Staunton's historic downtown delights visitors with its vibrant arts scene & great restaurants. The amazing architecture & compact downtown make for great walking & exploring opportunities.

www.VisitStaunton.com (540) 332-3972.

Hampton Inn Staunton - 15 mins from MP 0, I-64W to I-81S, exit 220. Luxury rooms, free hot breakfast, fitness room, outdoor pool. HHonors. (540) 886-7000.

Stonewall Jackson Hotel - In historic downtown Staunton, 15 minutes from the Parkway, we offer 124 cozy guestrooms & restaurant. www.stonewalljacksonhotel.com (540) 885-4848.

Sunspots Studios - 202 S Lewis St, Staunton, VA - Live glassblowing 7 days/wk until 4pm. Artisan gifts made on site. Watch art happen! Hours: 10-6 Mon.-Sat.; 11:30-5 Sun. www.sunspots.com (540) 885-0678.

Staunton KOA - MP 0, I-64 W to Exit 94, 9.5 mi. S on Rt 340 to Rt 655. Cabins, tents, RVs, fishing, pool, Wi-Fi, pet friendly, open year-round. www.walnuthillskoia.com (540) 337-3920.



Bring plenty of water if you plan to hike!

■ WAYNESBORO, VA

4 miles west of Parkway via US 250 or I-64. Shops, restaurants, gas, and outdoor recreation. Information center located at exit 99 off of I-64. www.VisitWaynesboro.net or (540) 942-6512.

Best Western Plus Waynesboro - I-64 Exit 94. Our award-winning hotel is just 5 minutes from MP 0 of the Parkway! Pet-friendly, beautiful mountain views, hot breakfast, indoor pool & many restaurants nearby. www.bwwaynesboro.com (540) 942-1100.



Unwind at an intimate Bed & Breakfasts, cabin, or perhaps opt for a hotel, including one of the Historic Hotels of America.

540-942-6512

540-332-3971

www.VAValley.com

Staunton | Augusta County Waynesboro

Located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley where the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive converge – Staunton, Augusta County and Waynesboro offer the perfect base for exploring the many facets of the Valley.

Enjoy a night of theater at the American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Playhouse, the world's only re-creation of Shakespeare's legendary indoor theatre. Take a tour of the P. Buckley Moss Museum and enjoy the works of one of America's most recognized artists. History buffs will appreciate the rich history of the area at the Frontier Culture Museum, Waynesboro Heritage Museum, Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, and the R.R. Smith Center for History and Art. Those following the Civil War Sesquicentennial should know that two battles were fought here, but that the stories of the homefront are just as intriguing.

Don't miss our farmer's markets, which are bustling, colorful affairs, often with live music and the occasional chef demonstration. Sip a glass of Virginia wine at one of the area's wineries. The natural wonders of this area will inspire you from rolling hills and a countryside rich with family farms to Natural Chimney's limestone towers where annual jousting tournaments have taken place for nearly 200 years. In the evening, take in a performance by local and nationally renowned musicians at one of our many music venues.

There are many opportunities for outdoor recreation – from bicycling and wildlife watching, to hiking and camping, you will find plenty of chances to re-connect with nature.



HUMPBACK ROCKS

Travelers heading south from Rockfish Gap experience a scenic drive through a mountain forest interspersed with agricultural lands. Climbing and descending ridge tops and gaps offers magnificent views of the Shenandoah Valley to the west and Rockfish Valley to the east, along with the flora and fauna of Appalachian hardwood forests. This is a region that was once cleared for agriculture, trade routes, timber harvesting, and subsistence living. Now it supports mature forests, designated wilderness, US Forest Service lands, and the return of many species of wildlife not seen in years.

Humpback Rocks at Milepost 5.8 is perhaps the best representation of the varied combination of natural and cultural resources anywhere along the Parkway corridor. The prominent rock outcrop was a landmark guiding wagon trains over the Howardsville Turnpike in the 1840s. A portion of the historic trace still exists. This was a major route across the narrow Blue Ridge until railroads came through the mountain gaps. The view from "the rocks" is spectacular any time of the year.

Adjacent to Humpback Rocks Visitor Center, an outdoor farm museum is surrounded by nearly 3,000 acres of predominantly forested lands. Early Parkway designers collected buildings from nearby and assembled them here in an arrangement that allows for an easy stroll along the pathway. The farm museum consists of a single-room log cabin and a series of outbuildings that represent elements of regional architecture of the late nineteenth century. Costumed interpreters provide demonstrations, including weaving, basket making and gardening. Interpretation focuses on and emphasizes the generalized life styles of subsistence farmers.

A visit to Humpback Rocks will help travelers better understand the difficulties and advantages associated with farming and living in these mountains and get a sense of how transportation routes across the mountains linked residents and communities in the region. Participate in "hands on" cultural demonstrations depicting domestic and farm chores including gardening and music.

Colony House Motel - 494 Three Notchd Mtn Hwy. MP 0. 500 ft from Parkway entrance. Locally owned, 26 rooms, laundry, internet, cozy, great views. (434) 531-4669

Days Inn Waynesboro - I-64 exit 94. 5 miles from Parkway. Newly renovated oversized guest rooms boast panoramic mountain views. Complimentary continental breakfast & outdoor pool. 2060 Rosser Ave. (540) 943-1101.

Hampton Inn - Luxury rooms, free hot breakfast, free high speed wireless internet access, indoor pool, fitness room, near hospital. Suites available. Near P. Buckley Moss Museum. (540) 213-9500.

Quality Inn - 4.5 miles from MP 0, 1-64 Exit 96. Newly renovated rooms, features hot breakfast, outdoor pool, and free high speed internet. (540) 942-1171.

NELSON COUNTY, VA

From MP 0, 13.5, 16 or 27, explore 471 miles of wineries, breweries, cidery, unique lodging, restaurants & shopping. Info: Nelson County Dept of Tourism, PO Box 636, Dept. BRPA, Lovingston, VA 22949. www.nelsoncounty.com. For free travel & event information, e-mail: info@nelsoncounty.org (434) 263-7015.

King's Gourmet Popcorn - 100ft from Parkway MP 0. Fresh kettle corn, fresh pork rinds, hot dogs & more. Like us on Facebook. www.kingsgourmetpopcorn.com

5-9.3 Humpback Rocks. 800 acres. Visitor Center and mountain farm exhibit (Milepost 5.8), Picnic area, comfort station (Milepost 8.4).

8.8 Greenstone Parking Overlook. Self-guiding nature trail.

13.5 Reids Gap. Route 664.

Cabin Creekwood - "Your Truly Restful Getaway!" 2 miles west of Parkway on Rt. 664. Year round, quiet, secluded, fully furnished resort, mt. cabins. Pool. 44 Creekwood Ln., Lyndhurst, VA 22952. www.cabincreekwood.com (888) 942-2246.

PARKWAY POINTS to Ponder

PICNICS

It is all right to pull over on the grass beside the Parkway and spread a blanket for a picnic but vehicles should be fully off of the road and not impede the flow of traffic. Driving vehicles across open fields is prohibited.

■ WINTERGREEN, VA

5.5 miles east on Route 664 and Route 151, exit at Milepost 13.5.

Nelson Cottage at Rockfish Valley Farm - on Nelson 151, MP 13.5, E on 664 to 668 Rockfish Valley Hwy - 5 mi. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, porches, 360 mtn views, trails, river. www.rockfishvalleyfarm.com or (434) 361-1296.

Wintergreen Resort - Lodging, dining, 45 holes of golf, tennis, pools, skiing, snowboarding, tubing, ice skating, spa, hiking, fishing. www.wintergreenresort.com (434) 325-2200, (800) 266-2444.

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VA 814 to Sherando Lake. (4.5 mi.) in George Washington National Forest. Swimming, picnicking, camping.

■ LOVE, VA

West of Parkway, exit at Milepost 16.

Royal Oaks Cabins - Love, VA. Exit at Milepost 16, 500 ft west on Route 814. Royal Oaks Cabins Store, Deli, Gifts, Weddings - "Come in Love. Stay in Love. Leave in Love." Experience Love in our 9 cabins and 3 large chalets with mtn. views, fireplaces, hot tubs, equipped kitchens, Free Wi-Fi, TV/VCR/DVD. Open year round. www.vacabins.com (540) 943-7625.

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Tye River Gap. Rt. 56 Crossover, west to Vesuvius, Steeles Tavern, east to Montebello. Alt. 2,969.

■ STEELES TAVERN, VA

West of Parkway on VA 56, exit at Milepost 27.

Osceola Mill Restaurant & Inn - Water-powered mill, now serves as a fine dining restaurant, B&B and Crabtree Falls cabin rentals built by the McCormicks, inventors of the reaper. Featured restaurant and B&B National Geographic Mag. July/09. MP 27, 5 min RT 56 W www.osceolamill.com (540) 377-6455.

Sugar Tree Inn - 3/4 mi W. of MP 27 is a haven of natural beauty called The Sugar Tree. Set on 28 acres at 2800 feet, the inn is a place of peace and tranquility. Relax in rustic elegance and enjoy 40-mile views from our front porch or hot tub. Wood-burning fireplaces in every room. A full country breakfast is included; gourmet dining is available with 24 hours advance reservation. www.sugartreeinn.com (800) 377-2197.

■ MONTEBELLO, VA

2.5 miles east of Parkway on VA 56, exit at MP 27.

Montebello Resort - Exit MP 27, Rt 56 East 3 miles. Full service campground with shaded sites for RV's, campers, tents (open Apr-Oct). Cabin rentals available year round. Fee-based trout ponds, no license required. Country store w/fuel, groceries & many gift items, open year round. For more info, visit www.MontebelloVA.com. For reservations call (540) 377-2650.



Nelson County Tourism
Post Office Box 636
Dept. BRPD • Lovingson, VA 22949

434-263-7015

www.nelsoncounty.com

Nelson County, VA

From milepost 0 of the Blue Ridge Parkway to the mighty James River, plan to experience a getaway full of adventure and relaxation. Remember how to have fun in our 471 square mile playground, then rest at a unique local bed and breakfast or cabin.

Relax and unwind as you marvel at Nature's bounty. Whether it's the pink and white of the spring apple blossoms or the spectacular fall foliage, the backdrop is picture perfect for your vacation.

Be entertained with the simple things – take time to relax, enjoy the scenery, the local music scene or the farm-to-the-table culinary delights from local restaurants, wineries, breweries, cidery or distillery.

**Experience
the Sunrise
Side of the
Blue Ridge**

For free travel and
event information:
email: info@nelsoncounty.org or
call: 434-263-7015



Humpback Rocks Interpreter. Photo courtesy Jeff Greenberg

34.4 **Yankee Horse Parking Area.** Logging Railroad Exhibit.

45.6 **US-60 Crossover.** East to Amherst, West to Buena Vista and Lexington.

■ BUENA VISTA, VA

Milepost 45.6 - US 60 Crossover West to Buena Vista.

Glen Maury Park Campground - 10th St., 5 miles from Parkway. 315 acres with 52 sites or 250 units, group camping. Clean modern facilities. LP gas. (800) 555-8845.

■ LEXINGTON, BUENA VISTA & ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

Natural Wonders, Great American Heroes & Charming Towns! Featuring the homes and final resting places of "Stonewall" Jackson and Robert E. Lee, breathtaking Blue Ridge Mountain scenery, and a charming downtown that offers abundant eateries, locally-owned shops and cozy B&B's. www.lexingtonvirginia.com (877) 453-9822.

Hampton Inn Col Alto - 401 E. Nelson St., Lexington MP 45. Historic manor rooms and modern rooms. Pool. www.hampton-inn.com/hi/lexington-historic (540) 463-2223.

60.8 **Otter Creek.** Campground, gift/craft shop.

■ POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WV

Come visit "Nature's Mountain Playground." Fall drives, great fishing & bicycling, fun events. Greenbrier River Trail, Green Bank Telescope, Cass Scenic Railroad State Park. www.NaturesMountainPlayground.com (800) 336-7009.

61.6 **Rt 130 Crossover** East to Lynchburg 20 mi. West to Glasgow 9 mi. and Natural Bridge 15 mi.

63.7 **Visitor Center and exhibits.** Self-guiding nature trail.



Call toll-free to request
a free travel guide

Stop by our Visitor Centers
located at:

- 106 E. Washington St. in historic downtown Lexington
- 595 East 29th St. (U.S. Route 60) in Buena Vista

(Hours vary by season)

1-877-453-9822

www.lexingtonvirginia.com

Lexington, Buena Vista & Rockbridge County

With two official Appalachian Trail Communities – Buena Vista and Glasgow – our beautiful, historic area welcomes recreation-lovers of all types. After a scenic day on the trail, parkway or river, come relax in one of our well-appointed vacation cabins, campgrounds, B&Bs or hotels. Rock out at one of the many music festivals at Glen Maury Park, or roll with a round of golf at The Vista Links, an 18-hole championship course.

In historic Lexington – one of "The 20 Best Small Towns to Visit in 2013" by Smithsonian Magazine, and once home to Robert E. Lee, Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and George C. Marshall – you can visit the museums, houses and gravesites honoring these iconic leaders. Savor craft brews at Devils Backbone Outpost Brewery and Blue Lab Brewing Company, or taste local wines at Rockbridge Vineyard and Lexington Valley Vineyard. Hop aboard a horse-drawn carriage tour around downtown, then enjoy our charming specialty shops, art galleries and award-winning fine cuisine.

All around Rockbridge County, you'll find memorable attractions to suite every taste: world-famous Natural Bridge of Virginia, circa-1750 Wade's Mill, Cyrus McCormick Farm, Virginia Safari Park, the Brownsburg Museum and much more. Here, like so many other heroes, you'll feel right at home.

*Where heroes
feel right at
home.*





Photographers appreciate the abundance of natural settings along the Parkway.

Lynchburg NW/Blue Ridge Parkway KOA - 6252 Elon Rd. Monroe, VA. MP 61.5 - Rt. 130 East, 1 mile from Parkway. Open all year! - RV/tent/cabins - big rigs welcome! www.lynchburgkoa.com (800) 562-8717.

■ NATURAL BRIDGE, VA

15 miles west of Parkway via US 501 or VA 130, exit at Milepost 61.6 or 63.7. I-81 Exits 175 or 180.

ATTRACTIONS

The Natural Bridge - Natural Wonder, Natural Beauty! Visit the monumental National Historic Landmark & discover why photos don't do it justice, nor words describe it, and why the awe-struck Thomas Jefferson bought it. Follow the Cedar Creek Trail beyond The Natural Bridge to the Monacan Indian Village, and Lace Falls. Get up close to hundreds of butterflies. Also visit Caverns and Wax Museum - all on one admission! Off the Blue Ridge Parkway (MP 61.6 & 63.7); I-81 exits 175 & 180. Hotel package deals & tickets at www.NaturalBridgeOffers.com (540) 291-2121.

Natural Bridge Zoological Park - Discover the largest & most complete collection of birds & animals in the state of Virginia. Ride on an elephant, stand next to a giraffe, see a huge white tiger, hug baby llamas & donkeys. Enjoy monkeys, gibbons, & mandrill baboons. See Himalayan bears, pink flamingos, colorful macaws, huge alligators. Feed, pet, & photograph tame animals in Virginia's largest petting area. Safari gift shop, free picnic areas. Off I-81 between exits 175 & 180. 15 minutes off Parkway. Daily 9-6pm. www.naturalbridgezoo.com (540) 291-2420.

Virginia Safari Park - Virginia's only 180-acre drive-thru zoo! Drive 3 miles of road where animals of all sizes, shapes and colors approach your vehicle in search of a tasty bucket of feed. See deer, camels, bison, zebras, elk, giraffe, and many more! 4 mi. North of Natural Bridge on Rt. 11. Left @ NB KOA. Open March-Nov. www.VirginiaSafariPark.com (540) 291-3205.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Natural Bridge Hotel & Conference Center - Located adjacent to The Natural Bridge & Cedar Creek Trail, has accommodations to fit any budget; rooms with balconies, mountain views, and a veranda to take in the Blue Ridge vista; Colonial Dining Room & Red Fox Tavern; and facilities to accommodate groups, weddings, meetings, reunions. Off the Blue Ridge Parkway (MP 61.6 & 63.7); I-81 exits 175 & 180. Hotel package deals including 1-night, country breakfast, and Natural Bridge attractions; www.NaturalBridgeOffers.com (540) 291-2121.

Natural Bridge KOA Campground - From BRP MP 61.6, take Rt. 130 west 15 mi. towards The Natural Bridge. Make a slight right onto Rt. 11 North and go 4 mi., KOA on left just past I-81. Large full hook-up pull through RV sites, tent sites & cabins, Wi-Fi, seasonal outdoor pool, game room, playground, dump station, propane fill-up, clean modern bathrooms, hot showers. Open all year. www.naturalbridgekoa.com, camp@naturalbridgekoa.info, (540) 291-2770.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park - 16 Recreation Lane, Natural Bridge Station, VA 24579. www.campnbr.com (540) 291-2727.

63.7

US 501 Crossover West to Natural Bridge 15 miles. East to Lynchburg 22 miles. Alt. 670.

■ LYNCHBURG, VA

"Discover History, Natural Beauty, Arts and Culture in Every Direction!" Lynchburg offers Six Historic Districts and many historical, cultural, and natural attractions located near the Blue Ridge Parkway. Specialty shopping, antiques, fine restaurants, and more than 2,200 guest rooms, including Bed & Breakfasts. Stop by our Visitor Information Center located at 12th & Church Streets. www.DiscoverLynchburg.org (800) 732-5821 or (434) 847-1811. E-mail: tourism@lynchburgchamber.org.

74.7

Thunder Ridge Parking Area. Ten minute loop trail to superb view of Arnold's Valley. Alt. 3,485.



Many visitor centers and campgrounds offer ranger talks and activities seasonally.

PEAKS OF OTTER

Visitors to the Peaks of Otter gain a sense of both the history of community and the history of tourism in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. The community had its beginning in 1766 when Thomas Wood settled here from Pennsylvania. By the mid 1800s, there were twenty families, a school, and a church integrated into the business of tourism, providing food and labor for a large resort hotel.

Polly Woods' early tavern or "ordinary" provided the basic necessities for travelers as early as 1840 and is preserved at the Peaks of Otter as well. Visitors will get a sense that many of the things attracting them to the Peaks of Otter today have attracted visitors for centuries. Prominent historical figures such as Thomas Jefferson and Robert E. Lee have visited or written about the Peaks of Otter, signifying its importance as a natural landmark in Virginia's Blue Ridge.

The Johnson Farm provides opportunities for insight into community life in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, with hands on living history demonstrations that convey a sense of visiting an occupied family home. The farmhouse is perhaps the Parkway's best example of a log cabin home that was enlarged over time, clap boarded and otherwise modified to reflect the evolution and development of Appalachian homes. The Johnson farm represents what may be thought of as "middle class" life in the mountains, providing a significant contrast to log homes selectively preserved by Parkway planners, and breaking down the stereotypes often associated with mountain residents.

Natural history also abounds at the Peaks of Otter, an area that is representative of the hardwood forests common along the mid range elevations of the Parkway. The area is also home to rare plants and animal species and an extensive trail system offers visitors access to these areas. A hike to the top of Sharp Top, one of the three "peaks", along with Flat Top and Harkening Hill, is a long standing tradition dating back over a century. Overnight lodging and food service makes the Peaks especially attractive.

What attracts visitors today, abundant wildlife, the high mountains, cool summer temperatures, and diversity of natural resources, have made the Peaks of Otter a hunting destination for humans for 10,000 years and a destination for travelers for centuries. Newly developed exhibits in the visitor center convey this in more detail.



Protected beauty means generations can enjoy the same views.

76.5

High Point on the Parkway in Virginia.

Apple Orchard Mountain. (El. 4,229.) Alt. 3,950.

83.4

Fallingwater Cascades National Scenic Trail.

Divided into two sections or may be hiked as one continuous loop. Fallingwater Cascades section is a 1.5 mile loop of moderate hiking. Flat Top section is more strenuous, 2.5 miles to summit and 4.4 mi. to Peaks Picnic Area on VA 43.

84-87

Peaks of Otter Area, 5,000 acres. Three Peaks-Sharp Top [El. 3,875], Flat Top [El. 4,004], and Harkening Hill [El. 3,364]. Visitor Center, self-guided trail, historic farm interpretive programs. Picnic area, campground, restrooms.

■ APPOMATTOX, VA

"Where our Nation Reunited" ... featuring civil war sites, beautiful architecture, antiques, outdoor recreation, and so much more. www.townofappomattox.com. (877) BLU-GREY.

■ BEDFORD, VA

Exit via VA 43 at the Peaks of Otter and take a peek at Bedford's orchards, potteries, country inns, arts, & shops. The Welcome Center is located at 816 Burks Hill Rd. (Hwy 460 & 122 - near the D-Day Memorial), Bedford, VA 24523. www.visitbedford.com (877) 447-3257 or (540) 587-5681.

ATTRACTIONS

Bedford Welcome Center - 816 Burks Hill Road (Hwy 460 & 122 - near the D-Day Memorial), Bedford, VA 24523. Toll free (877) 447-3257, (540) 587-5681.

National D-Day Memorial - 9 acre complex with English garden, landing scene, Victory Arch. Guided tours/school programs with reservation. Admission fee. www.dday.org (540) 586-DDAY.

Peaks of Otter Winery & Orchards - Seasonal or by appt. Free tours, tastings & animal visits. Farm vacation rental house. Website: www.johnsonsOrchards.com (540) 586-3707.

Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest - Experience Thomas Jefferson. Discover his personal retreat. Step into his private world. Through guided house tours visitors will be welcomed March 15 - December 30, 7 days a week from 10-4 to rediscover Thomas Jefferson. Located near Lynchburg, VA. www.poplarforest.org. Call (434) 534-8120.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Cedar Post Inn B&B - 1346 Reed Creek Rd. 8 mi. from Pkwy. 2 suites w/ priv. bath, full breakfast, fish, hike, relax. www.cedarpostinn.com (434) 299-6327.

Days Inn of Bedford - 921 Blue Ridge Ave Bedford, VA. Beautiful views of the Peaks of Otter Mountains. 10 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway. (540) 586-8286.

Loft on Lawyers Row - 1840's era. Centertown Bedford building accommodates family of 5. Period decor, cable/Wi-Fi, full kitchen, fireplace, pet friendly. www.loftonlawyersrow.com (540) 874-4840.

Olde Liberty Station Restaurant - Your ticket for casual dining. 12 mi. from MP 86; Open 11-10 M-Th, 11-11 Fri, Noon-11 Sat., 1st Class Dining in beautifully restored train station. Great prices. (540) 587-9377.



Kids can participate in the Junior Ranger program. Pick up a packet at any Parkway visitor center.

Vanquility Acres Inn - Rt 43S 8 mi. to Rt 838. 10 acre farm, beautiful views of Blue Ridge mountains, fishing, lake, AC, fireplaces, cable TV, WI, suites w/priv. baths, full breakfast. www.vanquilityacresinn.com (540) 587-9113.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Bedford Hardware - 126 S. Bridge St. Centertown Bedford. Authentic old hardware store - all you'd expect plus local art, knives, more! www.bedfordhardwarestore.com (540) 586-8811.



**Bedford Area
Welcome Center** -
adjoining the entrance
to the National D-Day
memorial at the junction
of Routes 460 & Hwy 122.

1-877-447-3257
www.visitbedford.com

Bedford, VA

Just minutes away from the legendary Peaks of Otter, Bedford offers delightful diversions from your travels along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Five wineries scattered throughout Bedford from the slopes of the Peaks of Otter to the shores of Smith Mountain Lake comprise the Bedford Wine Trail.

Thomas Jefferson's amazing retreat which he designed and built, Poplar Forest, provides an intriguing glimpse into his personal life. Other American heroes are remembered at The National D-Day Memorial, an extraordinary-moving tribute in the community which suffered the largest casualties per-capita on D-Day. The Bedford City/County Museum, housed in the historic Masonic Temple offers exhibits including what the Washington Post hailed as one of the best displays in the state dealing with the heritage of Virginia's Indians. Historic Centertown offers shops, restaurants, Art Galleries and cafes in a delightful historic old fashioned downtown. Smith Mountain Lake offers boat cruises aboard the Virginia Dare and many other recreational offerings. Begin your stay at the Bedford Welcome Center, open daily. To reach Bedford from the Parkway exit at MP 121.4 (Rt. 460 East), MP 63.8 (Hwy 501) or Milepost 86 (Route 43 East) at the Peaks of Otter. Follow signs to the Visitor's Center.

**The majestic
Peaks of Otter
are best seen
from the
mountain's
base in
Bedford**



PARKWAY POINTS

to Ponder

PARKWAY "GUNBOARDS"

In the early days of Parkway design, the long rifle and accompanying powder horn were thought to be the best and most iconic image to represent the stories of the mountain settlers and frontiersmen. These were incorporated into the original signs at overlooks and developed areas. They are now recognized as part of the Parkway's history and early design elements.

Goose Creek Studio - 302 Court St. in Centertown Bedford. Featuring local & regional art and crafts. www.goosecreekstudio.com (540) 586-8482.

Gross' Orchard & Apple Valley Homeplace - Vacation home rental. Open year-round. \$75 per couple per night. Mountain grown fruit & produce. Bedford, VA. Rt. 43 in Apple Valley. U-pick or U-select. Apple Festival 3rd Sat. in Oct. (540) 586-2436.

86 VA 43 East to Bedford 10 miles and Smith Mountain Lake via VA 43 and VA 122.

Peaks of Otter Lodge - MP 86 on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Open daily from mid-April through November. Weekends December through early April. Restaurant, lounge. Shuttle to Sharp Top Mountain. www.peaksofotter.com (888) 454-7711.

90.9 Bearwallow Gap. VA 43, 4 miles to Buchanan. Alt. 2,258.

■ BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA

Just off the Parkway. Paddle the Upper James River Water Trail, hike the Appalachian Trail, visit our wine trail, and enjoy the downtowns of Buchanan, Fincastle & Troutville.
www.visitbotetourt.com (540) 473-1167.

■ BUCHANAN, VA

Town of Buchanan 4 miles from Parkway Milepost 90.9. Shop, Stroll & Dine in downtown Buchanan! Explore our downtown historic district with structures dating from 1750-1950. Discover shops filled with antiques, art, furniture, collectibles, restaurants, Inns and more! Walk our Swinging Bridge, paddle the James River or fish along its banks. Explore remnants of the James River & Kanawha Canal located on the Town Park. Discover Buchanan's 4 VA Civil War Trail Sites. Check our Calendar of Events filled with parades, car shows, a Civil War History Weekend April 25-27, and Mountain Magic In Fall Bluegrass, Antiques & Crafts Festival on Sat., Oct. 4th. www.townofbuchanan.com (540) 254-1212 ext 4. or buchananva@verizon.net.

Middle Creek Campground - Exit VA 43N, R on Rt 11, R on Arcadia Rd, 6.3 mi. Pool, swim pond, hiking, fishing, RV, tent cabins, LP, Laundry Apr 1- Nov 30. (540) 254-2550. www.middlecreekcampground.com.

Twin River Outfitters - Offering canoe, kayak, & tubing trips on upper James River. Open daily Apr-Oct. www.canoevirginia.net Call for details (540) 261-7334.

Wattstull Inn & Restaurant - AAA. Hilltop location with scenic views. 8 mi S of Natural Bridge. From Parkway exit via Rt. 43. Phones, TV, AC, pool. www.wattstullinn.net (540) 254-1551.

■ VINTON, VA

The Parkway - A Part of The Community. Convenient full service shopping, restaurants, festivals and events, farmers' market, history museum. www.vintonva.gov or (540) 983-0613. Exit the Blue Ridge Parkway at Milepost 112.2

Finding The Best Of The Fall Colors



Fall is the season when the Blue Ridge attracts the most attention. Travelers, nature writers, photographers, and artists come to enjoy the visual display created by hardwood leaves changing from summer green to autumn gold, red, and orange. Visiting here in the peak of the fall color season is a sight that few fail to appreciate.

Finding the right "window" of time and the perfect spot can perhaps be nothing more than good fortune, but keeping a few things in mind and exercising some patience can increase anyone's chances of seeing the Blue Ridge in its autumn glory.

Typically, the Parkway experiences the much anticipated change in fall foliage around the middle of October. Some years the color comes a bit early and other years it may be delayed a week or so. Many factors contribute to variations in when and where colors will peak, with moisture throughout the year and the colder temperatures being key factors.

The Parkway is 469 miles north to south and varies over 5,000 feet in elevation. The best plan for witnessing fall color is to drive some distance on the Parkway, changing elevations and north-south orientation. As is always the case with outdoor viewing, early morning or late afternoon light tends to bring contrasts of shadows that will brighten colors.

Whether you come to the Blue Ridge with camera, palette and brush, or simply to take in the richness from an overlook, a little planning and patience in mid to late October will yield some of the pretty color that we're famous for.

Blue Ridge Parkway Plateau Region:

Milepost 106, Roanoke, VA
to Milepost 217,
Virginia/North Carolina Border



MAP KEY: Refer to page 13 for explanation of symbols

106

Junction Parkway and US 460. 9 mi. southwest to Roanoke, VA. 21 mi. northeast to Bedford, Lynchburg and Appomattox, VA.

112.2

Junction Parkway and VA 24. 5 miles south to Roanoke. Nearest access to Smith Mountain Lake via VA. 24 & 122.

114.9

Roanoke River Overlook. Trail.

115

Visitor Center, gift shop, public restrooms, and a media center with videos on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Exhibit area with historic information and features of the Roanoke Valley. The center piece of the exhibit area is a large scale topographical map of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Picnic areas are available along with a short walking trail and mountain biking trails.

120

Mill Mountain Discovery Center. Located on top of Mill Mountain, exit Milepost 120. An environmental education and regional information center providing nature programs, hands-on exhibits, and visitor information. Open 6 days a week year round. (April-October: Monday-Saturday: 10am-4pm) (November-March: Monday-Saturday Noon-4pm). (540) 853-1236.

120.3

Roanoke Mountain Loop Rd. 4 mi. one way road, around Mountain. Steep grades. Impressive views from summit. No trailers.

120.4

Roanoke Mountain. Campground 1.3 mi. on spur road to Mill Mountain, trails.

Westlake Waterfront Inn - Loc on Smith Mtn. Lake, MP 121. All rooms waterfront. Boat rentals. Scenic/clean/private. Mar-Nov, Free internet. www.Westlake-Waterfront-Inn.com (540) 721-3307.

For Blue Ridge Parkway information, including road conditions or closings, please visit www.nps.gov/blri

■ PAINT BANK, VA

35 miles west of Roanoke via Rt 311

Depot Lodge B&B - Swinging Bridge Restaurant, retail, Hwy 311, Paint Bank, VA. Restored depot, cabin on the creek, & cabooses.
www.thedepotlodge.com (800) 970-3376.

■ ROANOKE, VA

The Roanoke Valley and the neighboring scenic towns and counties — together known as Virginia's Blue Ridge — is the quintessential mountain destination. As the largest metropolitan region along the Blue Ridge Parkway, Virginia's Blue Ridge has so much to offer visitors. Endless choices for creative cuisine and more shopping than you can squeeze into a weekend are just the beginning. The vibrant arts and culture scene includes one-of-a-kind opportunities like the Taubman Museum of Art, the newly-renovated Center in the Square, the O. Winston Link Museum and more. It's all surrounded by the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains, which means outdoor fun on the rivers, streams, lakes, trails and back roads. Get a bird's eye view of Virginia's Blue Ridge from the Roanoke Star and Overlook, featured on the cover, just off of Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 120. Then head to the Visitor Information Center, open daily 9am to 5pm, to plan a perfect Blue Ridge Day. Contact: Roanoke Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau, 101 Shenandoah Ave, Roanoke, VA 24016. www.visitvablueridge.com or 800-635-5532 or 540-342-6025.

ATTRACTIONS

Taubman Museum of Art - Bringing art exhibitions to the Blue Ridge and educational programming to schools & residents. Come experience the wonder! www.taubmanmuseum.org.

Virginia Museum of Transportation - Downtown Roanoke. Trains, antique vehicles, cars, model train layout, museum store. Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5. www.vmt.org (540) 342-5670.



Pine Spur Overlook, Virginia. Photo by Jeff Greenberg

Experiencing BLUE RIDGE MUSIC TODAY...

"Where can I go to hear music... good music... authentic mountain music?" This is a common question from many Parkway visitors and the options may seem limitless. The people of this region created and continue to keep alive some of the richest traditions of music and dance in the nation. Parkway visitors here can either schedule or "stumble upon" music virtually anywhere.

Stay on the Parkway and find music in a variety of places, especially on the weekends.

The Blue Ridge Music Center (Milepost 213) is dedicated to the subject and Midday Mountain Music occurs on a daily basis with weekend concerts in the outdoor amphitheater. "The Roots of American

Music" is an interactive exhibition that tells the compelling story of the region's rich musical heritage. Sunday afternoon music and dancing at Mabry Mill (Milepost 176) has a long tradition as do the Sunday evening concerts at Roanoke



Mountain Campground (Milepost 120). On occasion, at a variety of other Parkway locations from Humpback Rocks (Milepost 5.8) to the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center in Asheville (Milepost 384), music becomes an important part of the story and the visitor experience.

Serious followers of regional music can explore Virginia's Crooked Road Music Trail or the Blue Ridge Music Trail (blueridgemusic.org and thecrookedroad.org), leading them to towns and venues throughout the region. Downtown Floyd, VA becomes a picker's paradise on Friday nights around the Floyd Country Store. Asheville's downtown also fosters the creative juices of street musicians and informal jam sessions. Annual fiddlers' conventions are too numerous to name, but the Old Time Fiddlers' Convention in Galax, VA and The Mountain Dance and Folk Festival in Asheville, NC both trace their origins to the 1920s & 1930s.

So, the answer to the question "Where can I go to hear music?" is up to you. Do your research, check local tourism organizations, or your favorite music website. Throw your instrument in the trunk and follow the sounds of Blue Ridge music!



FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Apple Valley Motel - US 220S. Exit Milepost 121. Cable TV, A/C, phones, spacious, clean rooms. Major credit cards accepted. 5063 Franklin Road, Roanoke, VA 24014. (540) 989-0675.

Bent Mountain Lodge B & B - MP 136. 10 suites all with priv. baths, 20 min. to Floyd, VA, 20 min. to Roanoke, VA. Non-smoking rooms, cont. breakfast. 15K sq. ft. lodge. Weddings. www.bentmountainlodgebedandbreakfast.com (540) 651-2500.

Cambria Suites Roanoke - 301 Reserve Avenue. 5.8 miles from Parkway MP 122. Oversized suites with superior amenities and free covered parking. (540) 400-6226.

Colony House Motor Lodge - 3560 Franklin Rd. Roanoke. 2 mi off Parkway on US 220. Suites available. HBO, ESPN, pool, Free Continental breakfast. Meeting Room available. Shopping and good restaurants nearby. (540) 345-0411 or (866) 203-5850.

The Historic Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center - Milepost 120.4 in downtown Roanoke Virginia. www.hotelroanoke.com (540) 985-5900.

Holiday Inn Tanglewood - Roanoke, 4468 Starkey Rd., 2 M from MP 121. Best Views in the Valley. Renovated 2009. Micro, fridges, Restaurant, Lounge. (540) 774-4400.

Holiday Inn Valley View - 3315 Ordway Dr. 6 miles from BRP MP 121. 154 rooms, restaurant, meeting rooms. Rt. 220N/581 to exit 3W. (540) 362-4500 or (888) 465-4329.

The Inn on Campbell - 118 Campbell Ave. SW, 4 mi from Pkwy. Upscale downtown B & B, 2 blocks from Historic Marketplace. www.theinnoncampbell.com (540) 400-0183.



Nature walks are a great way to experience the Parkway too.



Challenging and scenic roads await motorcyclists.

King George Inn B&B - MP 120, 4 miles off Pkwy. L Franklin Rd, R King George Ave. Restored mansion in historic district. Walk to restaurants. www.KingGeorgeInnBandB.com (757) 675-4034.

Quality Inn - 220 North, Milepost 121. Free breakfast, cable TV, HBO, restaurants nearby, free HSWI. 3816 Franklin Road, Roanoke VA 24014, Tanglewood Mall. (540) 989-4000.

Roanoker Restaurant - Est.1941. Homestyle breakfast - lunch - dinner. Fresh veg, breads, salad, sandwiches, seafood. Daily specials. Reasonable prices. To-go shop. Child menu. Open Tues-Sunday. Exit Milepost 121 onto 220N to I-581, exit Wonju St., left on Colonial Ave. 7 miles from Parkway. (540) 344-7746.

Sleep Inn - Tanglewood Mall - Easy access from Parkway @ MP 121; 1.5 miles take US 220 north to Route 419 west; on left. Suites available. Ample shopping & rest. nearby. (540) 772-1500.

121.4 Junction Parkway and US 220, 5 mi. north to Roanoke. 5 mi. south to Boones Mill. 21 mi. to Rocky Mount, 45 mi. to Martinsville. Smith Mountain Lake by way of US 220 to Rocky Mount and Va. Rte. 40.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Nestled amid Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, Franklin County boasts communities that continue to value their farms, forests, waterways and cultural heritage. Discover the area's musical heritage, artisan treasures, outdoor adventures and cultural/historic attractions. Franklin County Tourism www.visitfranklincountyva.org (540) 483-3040.

129.6 Roanoke Valley Parkway Overlook. Fine View of Roanoke.

144 Devils Backbone Parking Overlook. Fine view.

144.8 Pine Spur Parking Overlook. Named for the pine which is the tree depicted on Parkway emblem. Alt. 2,703.



Let us help you learn about the Parkway

154.5 Smart View. 500 acres, hiking trails, large picnic grounds, comfort stations, drinking water. The cabin home of T.T. Trail is picturesque.

■ MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Enter Montgomery County, VA 21 miles from MP 165.2 via Rt 8 North. www.visit.yesmontgomeryva.org (540) 394-2120 ext. 4225.

Budget Inn - Rt 8, 304 W Main St. Christiansburg downtown. Exit 114 off I-81. Nice & clean, Wi-Fi, restaurants nearby. www.mybudgetinn.com (540) 382-6625.

The Farmhouse Restaurant - 285 Ridinger Street, NW Christiansburg, VA. Let us entice you with our slow roasted prime rib. Call (540) 382-4253.

The Oaks Victorian Inn - 311 East Main St. in Christiansburg, VA. Award winning Four Diamond Select Registry B&B. www.theoaksvictorianinn.com (540) 381-1500.

Quality Inn - Exit 118C of I-81, 20 miles from Parkway. Next to Cracker Barrel. Free breakfast & internet. Seasonal pool. (540) 382-2055 or (800) 4CHOICE.

■ RADFORD, VA

Located 20 miles north of Parkway via Rt. 8, exit at Milepost 165.2. 25 miles south of Roanoke via I-81, exits 105 & 109.

Nesselrod Bed and Breakfast - overlooks the historic New River at 7535 Lee Hwy in Radford, VA. Our venue hosts weddings, concerts and social events. www.nesselrod.com (540) 731-4970

Radford Visitor's Center - Rt. 8 to I-81 Exit 109. "Find it in Radford" - biking, birding, kayaking, tubing, and living history at Ingles Farm and Glencoe Museum - all in & along the New River! Also home to unique shops, restaurants, the Civil War Trail, Radford University and the Highlanders. www.visitradford.com (540) 267-3153.



Franklin County Office
of Economic Development
1255 Franklin Street, Suite 112
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Franklin County, VA

Outdoor adventure, home grown music and artisan treasures are just a sampling of what Franklin County Virginia is all about! Hike along rugged trails, kayak more than 70 miles of blueways or reel in trophy bass along Philpott Lake and Smith Mountain Lake.

Experience a local jam session along the Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail or explore the arts as you stroll along the streets of Historic Rocky Mount, a town that embodies the charm of traditional small-town America in its friendliest form. No journey to Franklin County is complete without a visit to the Booker T. Washington National Monument, which is the birthplace of famed orator Booker T. Washington, and to the Blue Ridge Institute and Museum at Ferrum College, where you will learn about life and culture in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

With rugged mountain trails, scenic blueways and two lakes along its borders, Franklin County abounds in outdoor adventure.

540-483-3040

www.visitfranklincountyva.org

To access the many adventures in Franklin County, simply exit the Blue Ridge Parkway at MP 151 and follow Five Mile Mountain Road (State Route 640) to Turner's Creek Road (State Route 748) to Ferrum then follow State Road 40 to the Town of Rocky Mount.

■ FERRUM, VA

East of Parkway via Rts. 640 & 602, exit Milepost 152 or via Rts 860 & 40, exit Milepost 159.

Blue Ridge Farm Museum - Route 40. 1800 VA-GR farm complex w/ livestock & interpreters of farm life. Mid-May - Mid-August Saturday 10-5, Sunday 1-5. www.blueridgeinstitute.org (540) 365-4416.

Blue Ridge Institute and Museum - Route 40. State Center for Blue Ridge Folklore. Changing exhibits on folk life and folk art. Mon-Sat 10-4 www.blueridgeinstitute.org (540) 365-4416.

165.2 Tuggle Gap. VA. Rt. 8 Crossover. East 6 mi. to Woolwine, VA; 16 mi. to Fairy Stone State Park. Swimming, boating, picnicking. North 6 mi. to Floyd, 20 mi. to Christiansburg.

■ FLOYD, VA & FLOYD COUNTY

At MP 165, take Route 8 six miles to vibrant downtown Floyd. Enjoy a unique blend of new and heritage music, arts, shops, restaurants and spirits, with hiking & biking along 40 miles of the Parkway (MP 137-175); historic rock churches and heritage sites. www.visitFloydVa.com (540) 239-8509.

ATTRACTIONS

Chateau Morrisette - Milepost 171.5. West on Black Ridge Rd, left on Winery Rd. Timber-frame winery with spectacular view. Year-round tours, tasting, sales, gift shop Mon-Thurs 10-5, Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5. Restaurant open for lunch & dinner. Check website for hours. A must see destination! www.thedogs.com (540) 593-2865.

The Jacksonville Center for the Arts - 220 Parkway Ln (Rt. 8). From MP 165, go N on Rt. 8 for 5.5 miles. Galleries, studios, gift shop, classes and more. www.jacksonvillecenter.org (866) 787-8806.



Mabry Mill offers visitors a glimpse of the past. photo by Jeff Greenberg.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Ambrosia Farm B&B and Pottery - 5 mi West of MP 171.5. Historic log-built inn, fireplaces, lovely views, porches, wineries nearby, pottery studio. www.ambrosiafarm.net (540) 745-6363.

Bella La Vita Inn B&B - 1.7 mi west of BRP between MP 161-162, Extraordinary affordable accommodations. www.bellalavitainn.com (540) 745-2541.

Blue Ridge Restaurant - Across from the courthouse in Floyd, VA. 6 miles from Parkway Milepost 164. Open 7 days a week. Good homestyle cooking, delis, breakfast every morning, daily specials, real mashed potatoes, and desserts prepared daily. Come by and enjoy the small town atmosphere and good food at the Blue Ridge Restaurant. (540) 745-2147.

The Floyd Country Store - Downtown Floyd, VA. Traditional music & dancing, country food & shopping. (540) 745-4563. www.FloydCountryStore.com

PARKWAY POINTS to Ponder

TUNNELS

The Parkway's tunnels, some with natural rock openings and others stone-faced, are representative of the intended design to blend in the elements of the Parkway with the natural surroundings. Because of the generally higher and more rugged elevation of the mountains in North Carolina, there are 25 tunnels on the Parkway in that state, but only one in Virginia.

Hotel Floyd - 120 Wilson St. Downtown Floyd, 6 mi. off MP 165.2. Green hotel, 40 unique rooms themed after Floyd's character. Pet friendly rooms available! www.hotelfloyd.com (540) 745-6080.

Oak Haven Lodge - Comfortable, affordable, overnight accommodations. 7 mi. from MP 164 on Route 8. Lovely 12-room lodge. www.oakhavenlodge.com (540) 745-5716.

Pine Tavern Lodge - Est. 1927. 1 1/2 mi. from stoplight on US 221 N. Nicely furnished rooms & 1 cottage. No credit cards. Open year-round. (540) 745-4428.

RV & Tent Camping at Chantilly - Full hookups, water, sewer and electric or tent camp. 2697 Franklin Pike, Floyd VA 24091. www.chantillyfarm.com (540) 808-4984.



Enjoy the view, watch the road!

Stonewall Bed & Breakfast - Spacious three-level log home set in a native mountain forest. We specialize in country hospitality and provide a country experience in the down home B&B style. www.stonewallbed.com (540) 745-2861.

Stoney Meadow Inn B&B - 0.6 mi. from MP 152. Spacious rms, WiFi, excellent food. 25 acre farm w/ animals. M/C, Visa, Discover. www.stonemeadowinn.com (877) 344-1088.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Harvest Moon Food Store - Offering a unique array of gourmet and health foods, supplements, gifts, toiletries, wine and beer. Supporting over 30 local producers with selections of local and organic produce, meats, wine, cheese, eggs and fresh bread. Floyd, VA. www.harvestmoonfoods.com (540) 745-4366.

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Rocky Knob, 4,800 acres. Picnic area, comfort stations, campground, visitor center (Milepost 169). 15 miles of trails including Rock Castle Gorge National Recreational Trail. Alt. 3,572.

Pickett's Thickett - Milepost 170.4. 2 houses on 95 acres. 3 BR & 4 BR, AC, pond, fully equipped, very private. Near winery & Mabry Mill. Call (336) 292-0999.

WOOLWINE, VA

Located 6 miles east of Parkway, via Rt. 8.

Mountain Rose Inn - Rt 8 MP 165/ 6 mi. South to Rt 40. Left 2 mi. Award-winning Victorian B&B circa 1901. 5 large rooms w/baths, A/C, antiques, fireplaces, porches. Pool, trout stream, private 100 acres with hiking. Gourmet 4-course breakfast. www.mountainrose-inn.com (888) 930-1057.

WILLIS, VA

9 miles west of Parkway on Rt. 799, exit at MP 174

Daddy Rabbit's Campground - Milepost 174, 4 miles west on 799 to 727. Camping cabins, tents, full hookups, metered LP gas, hot showers, laundry. Open April 15-Nov. 1. (540) 789-4150.

Mountain Song Inn - Beautiful rural retreat just 15 miles from MP 174. Fantastic view and 4 course breakfast, must see! www.mountainsonginn.com (540) 789-3000.



Patrick County Tourism Office
106 Rucker Street, Room 218
Stuart, VA 24171

Patrick County, VA

Nestled in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia lies an undiscovered destination filled with clean roads, cool flowing streams, fresh crisp air, and friendly folks. Drive the Blue Ridge Parkway and discover the colors of the rainbow in the spring and fall. Take in the sounds of traditional mountain music along the Crooked Road, a sun-filled day at Fairy Stone State Park, or enjoy great outdoor activities like fishing, kayaking, hiking, road and mountain biking.

After a peaceful night's rest in a cozy B&B, campground, cabin, or our luxurious Primland Resort, encounter handmade arts & crafts at one of our festivals or follow the Hidden Treasures Artisan Trail. Relish the sweet tastes of strawberries or peaches, or the smells of apple butter boiling in old timey copper kettles. Enjoy a glass of wine at one of our wineries and take in one of the most magical sunsets overlooking our mountain vistas.

The activities are endless and the experiences are priceless. Visit us and "Experience the Simple Life" in Patrick County, VA.

276-694-8367

www.visitpatrickcounty.org

Call our office or visit our
website for a free brochure.



**"Experience
the Simple
Life"**

176.1 Mabry Mill. Self-guiding, features restored mill and exhibits on rural life in Appalachia.

MEADOWS OF DAN, VA

Just off Parkway on US 58, exit at Milepost 177.7

Blue Ridge Visitor Center - at Parkway exit Meadows of Dan MP 177.7. Maps, brochures, travel guides, lodging. www.patrickchamber.com (276) 694-6012.

ATTRACTIONS

Chateau Morrisette - Milepost 171.5. West on Black Ridge Rd, left on Winery Rd. Timber-frame winery with spectacular view. Year-round tours, tasting, sales, gift shop Mon-Thurs 10-5, Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5. Restaurant open for lunch & dinner. Check website for hours. A must see destination! www.thedogs.com (540) 593-2865.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

A Blue Ridge Haven Log Cabin - 1.5 miles from Parkway on the Dan River. Appalachian-style log cabin with A/C, loft, cable, Wi-Fi, fireplace, pets ok. www.ablueridgehaven.com (703) 554-4420.

Blue Ridge Motel - Adjct. Parkway. 75 yds west on US 58 Milepost 177.7. Color TV, elect. heat, AC, carpet, tubs & showers. Lovely lg. rooms, low rates. Clean and quiet. VISA-MC. Open all year. (276) 952-2244.

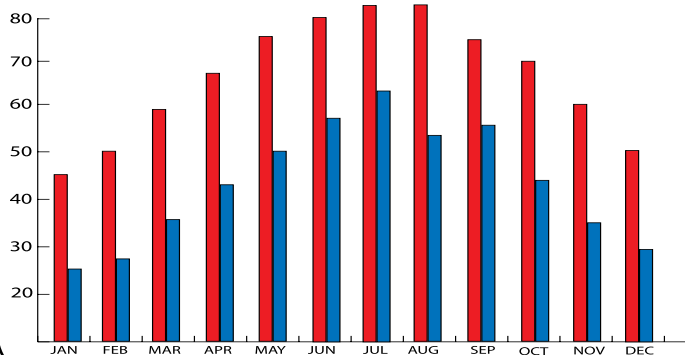
Mabry Mill Restaurant & Gift Shop - Country fare menu. Renowned buckwheat pancakes and homemade cobbler. Breakfast all day. Arts & edibles. 8-6 daily May-Oct. www.mabrymill.com (276) 952-2947.

Normal Daily Maximum & Minimum Temperatures

Average Elevation of 2100'

For weather info call (828) 298-0398.

Parts of the Parkway may close to vehicles due to weather. For updated information, call (828) 298-0398 for list of closings. Always be prepared for rapidly changing weather and the difference that elevation change can make in temperature



Milepost 176

MABRY MILL & ROCKY KNOB

The cultural sites, facilities, and adjacent farms throughout the Rocky Knob area speak of a settled and ancient landscape. Farming has been a way of life in this part of Virginia for generations, and continues here where a drive off the Parkway into crossroads communities will demonstrate. You will also be rewarded with great views as well!

Travelers see the daily patterns of life on the high plateau at Puckett's Cabin, and, of course, at Mabry Mill. The Parkway has played a significant role in influencing change in the area. Seeing how people have interacted with the landscape over time is fascinating for those who slow down and experience the pace of life on or off the Parkway. The rural countryside experience is a delight, whether during the rose-bay rhododendron bloom in late June, or during the fall harvest and foliage display along the plateau around mid-October.

Ed and Lizzy Mabry's gristmill is over a century old and graces the pages of countless calendars and postcards. It is arguably the most picturesque spot on the entire Blue Ridge Parkway. Ed built this mill and the Mabrys ground corn for their neighbors for three decades, creating a community gathering place for the folks who called Meadows of Dan home. Although the mill itself is the focal point of the area, visitors are reminded that Ed Mabry was talented in many other areas as well, adding a wheelwright shop, sawmill and blacksmith shop to his enterprise in addition to a two-story frame house. Parkway designers of the 1930s preferred the look of rustic cabins and dismantled the Mabry's home in favor of bringing in the Matthews' log cabin from nearby.

Cultural history demonstrations are offered in summer and fall. The sights and sounds of rural life in Appalachia, community, mountain industry, and the change from an agricultural to an industrial society resonate from this place on a regular basis during the summer season.

Rangers and volunteers staff Matthew's Cabin daily in the visitor season, often carding, spinning and making baskets while orienting visitors to the area. Blacksmith demonstrations are presented several days weekly in the blacksmith shop. On weekends in October, visitors delight at the sight and smells of apple butter made over an open fire. This is one of the most popular gathering places anywhere on the Parkway. Old time music has filled the air here for decades on Sunday afternoons. Flat-footing is encouraged!

A network of trails through the 3,500 acre Rock Castle Gorge, just a few miles north, offers access to some of the most botanically diverse areas of the Parkway. Trails into the Gorge are accessible from several points, including the Rocky Knob campground, located at Milepost 167.

Meadows of Dan Campground - US Bus. 58W & BR Pkwy. MP 177.7. Clean-Quiet-Peaceful. At 3,000 ft. Full hookups, bath-house, dump stat. Separate wooded tent area. Pets on leash-CG only. Furnished cozy or luxury log cabin rentals, some w/whirl-pools & gas log fireplaces. No pets in cabins. Open year round. www.meadowsofdancampground.com (866) 952-2292.

Poor Farmers Secluded Cabin Rentals & Country Store - Best place to stay. Farmers market, Marathon gas, deli, unique gifts, open all year. MP 177, jct Hwy 58. Poor Farmers Market on Facebook. (276) 952-2670.

Primland Resort - Meadows of Dan, VA. 4 miles from Parkway MP 177. Luxury lodge, cottages, spa, golf, wing shooting, fly fishing, sporting clays, horseback riding. Casual and fine dining. One of a kind observatory. www.primland.com (866) 960-7746.

Tavern in the Meadows - MP 177 at 2639 JEB Stuart Hwy. Featuring Italian cuisine, hand cut steaks, seafood, local specialties & nightly entertainment. (276) 952-1011.

Woodberry Inn - MP 174.1 - 16 lovely rooms, full service restaurant and bar. Clean and peaceful. Open all year. www.woodberryinn.com (540) 593-2567.



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SHOPPING

Poor Farmers Farm - an old fashioned Country Store. 5 miles E. on US 58 (not business 58) from Parkway MP 177.7. www.poorfarmersfarm.net (276) 952-2560.

177.7 US 58 Crossover. 22 mi. west to Hillsville. East to Stuart, Martinsville, and Danville.

PATRICK COUNTY, VA

Located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains where natural beauty, outdoor recreation and history blend. For more information on accommodations and events: Patrick County Tourism Division, PO Box 466, Stuart, VA 24171 or econdev@co.patrick.va.us or visit us at: www.visitpatrickcounty.com (276) 694-8367.

MARTINSVILLE, VA

30 miles east of Parkway MP 177.7 on US 58. Martinsville-Henry County Visitor Center, 54 W. Church St. History, art, recreation, & more. You'll Love the Pace! www.VisitMartinsville.com (888) PACE-4-YU.

188.8 Groundhog Mountain Parking Overlook, high point affording 360 degree view. Observation tower. Examples of various types of old chestnut rail fences. Picnic area, Comfort station. Alt. 3,030.



Carroll County Office of Tourism
Blue Ridge Plateau
Regional Visitor Center
231 Farmers Market Dr.
Hillsville, VA 24343

Carroll County, VA

Step back in time..... Do you enjoy pick your own farms, clean crisp mountain breezes, the echo of a banjo rolling through the hills? If so you will find everything you are looking for and more in Carroll County, VA. The States leading pumpkin producing county and also known for a variety of other crops. Whether it's a visit to the Southwest Virginia Farmers Market, a unique winery or maybe a tour to the alpaca farms our variety is diverse there is something for everyone. Our Agricultural events are something you will not want to miss beginning in late August with the Agricultural Fair, followed by a unique event that highlights heritage farming "Shockley Old Timey Days" always the last week-end in September and our Annual Fall Foliage and Pumpkin Festival the 3rd week-end in October. Don't forget the pick-your-own farms are wide in variety and are open nearly year round, the bluegrass music is always on and the outdoor recreation and splendor never take a day off so plan your vacation anytime we welcome you to come SEE OUR STYLE. www.visittheblueridge.com VIRGINIA IS FOR Farm LOVERS!

Exit off of the parkway at MP 199.4 Fancy Gap and head toward the Town of Hillsville to experience many more of Carroll County's Treasures: Southwest Virginia Regional Farmers Market, Historic Downtown Hillsville, The New River Trail State Park, Crooked Creek Fee Fishing and Wildlife area, The Devil's Den Nature Preserve and many more treasures await you in beautiful Carroll County Virginia where many say "Visit for a day. Stay for a lifetime."

888-785-2781
visittheblueridge.com

**Exit Parkway at
MP 199.4 Fancy
Gap Carroll
County's
Gateway**

Virginia 
is for Lovers™

189.9 **Puckett Cabin** home of Orleana Hawks Puckett, storied local midwife. Alt. 2,850.

■ ARARAT, VA

5 miles south of Parkway, exit at Milepost 192.

Wolf Creek Farm - Exit MP 192, VA 771 Willis Gap Rd. Lt. @ The Hollow, Rt. @ Rabbit Ridge to Gid Collins. Children welcome! Fishing lake, pool, play area. Campfire, hayride, privacy!
www.wolfcreekfarmva.com (800) 416-9653.

■ CARROLL COUNTY, VA

In the heart of the Blue Ridge Plateau, in the middle of VA's famous Crooked Road, and known for scenic mountain vistas plus mountain views and streams. Hiking, fishing, golfing, canoeing, bird-watching, flea markets, gun shows, mountain music and annual festivals are just a few of our many attractions. Our Visitor Center is located at Exit 14 off I-77 only 10 miles from the BRP at Fancy Gap. Contact: Carroll County Tourism, 605-1 Pine Street, Hillsville, VA 24343, www.VisitTheBlueRidge.com (276) 730-3100 or Toll Free: (888) 785-2781.

Blue Cat on the New - Offering tipi & primitive camping, canoe, kayak, bike & tube rental. Guided fishing & wildlife trips. Bike & boat shuttle service. www.bluecatsnewriver outfitters.com
Two locations. (276) 766-3729 - Draper, (276) 744-2027 - Fries.

PARKWAY POINTS *to Ponder*

MORE THAN A ROAD

The Blue Ridge Parkway is known nationally and internationally for its designed landscape as a scenic motorway. It is the longest road planned as a single park unit in the United States, protecting significant mountain landscapes far beyond the shoulders of the road itself.

Lake Ridge RV Resort - 8736 Double Cabin Rd. Hillsville. Best kept secret in VA! We offer cabin rentals, RV & tent camping. Enjoy our new waterslides, pools, mini golf, paddle boats, catch & release fishing and much more! www.LakeRidgeRV.com (276) 766-3703.

Olde Mill Golf Resort - 1/4 mile off BRP Fancy Gap Coffee & Ice Cream MM Maples Restaurant at Olde Mill Resort. (800) 753-5005.

199.5 **Fancy Gap**, US 52 Crossover, 8 mi. north to Hillsville, VA, 1.5 miles to I-77, 20 mi. to Wytheville, VA, 33 mi. to Pulaski, VA, 14 mi. south to Mt. Airy, NC. Alt 2,920.



Visit the Mount Airy Visitor's Center located at 200 N. Main Street next to Barney's Restaurant. Open 7 Days a Week:
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5pm
Sat: 10am-4pm
Sunday: 1pm-4pm

visitmayberry.com

Mount Airy, NC

Located in the Yadkin Valley Wine Region- Home to over 35 Wineries!

NC Exit Parkway at Milepost 199.5, Hwy 52 South. 12 miles south of Fancy Gap, VA. Visit Andy Griffith's hometown, the ideal American town that was the inspiration for Mayberry. You'll find some things that the television show captured, some great entertainment, shopping, dining, wineries and a peaceful, scenic setting.

Visit the Andy Griffith Museum located at The Andy Griffith Playhouse. Also include Wine Tastings and Tours at The Old North State Winery and tours at The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. Other Mayberry Attractions include Squad Car Tours, Wally's Service Station and Floyd's Barbershop.

Also featuring a Summer Concert Series at the Blackmon Amphitheatre. Bluegrass shows and jams weekly in downtown Mount Airy.

Visit Andy Griffith's hometown, the ideal town that was the inspiration for Mayberry.



■ HILLSVILLE, VA

Historic Hillsville Virginia, state and national historic district, Preserve America Community, site of the 1912 Courthouse Shootout, eateries and shops www.townofhillsville.com (276) 728-2128.

The Gap Deli at the Parkway - US 52 & MP 199.5. Homemade soup, sandwiches, salads & desserts. Open daily with seasonal hours. www.treasurepotts.com (276) 728-3881.

■ FANCY GAP, VA

Exit Parkway at MP 199.5. Hwy 52. I-77 Exit #8.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Grassy Creek Cabooes - Refurbished RR cabooses w/2 person Jacuzzi's, satellite TV, decks, great views. Just 1.5 mi. off BRP at MP 193.5. Open year round. Call (276) 398-1100.

The Inn and Cottages at Orchard Gap - MP 195 overlooking the Blue Ridge Parkway. A Bed and Breakfast in the tradition of a classic Virginia Inn. Relax with a massage on site or just enjoy the breathtaking views from our front porch rocking chairs. Plan a romantic getaway with your spouse. www.innatorchardgap.com (276) 398-3206.

Lonesome Pine Cabins - These authentic log cabins of yesteryear, with views for miles, with in-room Jacuzzi & fireplace, are ideal for your relaxation. Located between Milepost 193 & 194 Blue Ridge Parkway. Open year round. www.lonesomepinecabins.net Call (276) 398-3332.

Rap's Bar & Grill and Travel Center - Great food, gas, gifts, 100 ft off Blue Ridge Parkway @ Milepost 193.5 next to Lonesome Pine Cabins. www.rapsva.com (276) 398-2204.

PARKWAY POINTS *to Ponder*

A MIGRATION ROUTE

The Parkway's protected corridor provides a migration route for many species both along ridge tops and as it crosses the region's many creeks and major rivers. Another kind of migration route becomes obvious in the fall as hawks catch the rising warm air currents from the piedmont and sail down the mountains – and above the Parkway – on their migratory route south.



Milepost 229 Hwy 21 to
Elkin and Mile Post 199.5
Hwy 52 South

Surry County, NC

Elkin – Mount Airy –
Dobson – Pilot Mountain

Whether you enjoy walking, biking, paddling or relaxing with a Yadkin Valley wine—Surry and the Yadkin Valley have it all! It's our very gracious, very spirited and festive nature that makes Surry a delightful place to visit for a day or two or more. From Mayberry to Merlot...from cruise-ins to mandolins...from scenic wonder...to wonderful dining, Surry is a rich blend of Southern pleasures.

Visit one of over 30 Yadkin Valley wineries and savor the rich history of our region.

**Parkways,
Greenways,
Blueways and
Chardonnays....
Very Surry
has it all!!**

877.SAVOR-YV
www.very-surry.com



Snow Mountain Properties - Cabins along the Parkway, sleep 2-13 ppl, some w/ amazing views, others w/total privacy, some units pet friendly. www.snowmp.com (276) 398-3535.

RECREATION

Skyland Lakes Golf Club - Milepost 202.2 at Rt. 608, bordering Parkway. Public 18-hole golf course around mountains and lakes. Accommodations available. (276) 728-4923.



Regional campgrounds offer many amenities for families.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Fancy Gap Dress Shop & Family Clothing - Name brands, discount prices for whole family: dresses, sportswear, golf apparel, nurses' uniforms, jewelry, accessories. Open Monday-Saturday 9-5. (276) 728-7130.

Peaceful Heart Alpacas & Farm Store - On Pkwy, MP 204. Meet our alpacas. Luxurious alpaca clothes, fiber, yarn & handcrafts. Fiber art classes: felt, weave & more. www.peacefulheartalpacas.com (276) 728-4950.

Treasure Potts Antique and Garden Shoppes - Int. of Hwy. 52 and BRP at MP 199.5. Period furniture, pottery, clocks, lamps, china. Plants and garden accessories. www.treasurepotts.com (276) 728-3880.

■ MT. AIRY, NC

Exit Parkway at Milepost 199.5, Hwy 52 South. 12 miles south of Fancy Gap, VA. Visit Andy Griffith's hometown and inspiration for the fictional town of "Mayberry." Visit the Andy Griffith Collection, squad car tours, regional museum, Floyd's Barbershop, Wally Service Station, historic downtown, Andy Griffith Playhouse and homeplace, Pilot Mountain State Park, historic homes & the world's largest open-face granite quarry. Bluegrass shows/jams weekly. (800) 948-0949 or check out www.visitmayberry.com for visitor information.



Dobson can be reached off the Blue Ridge Parkway at Milepost 199.7 to I-77S exit 93.

The Town of Dobson, NC

Founded in 1850, Dobson is the county seat of Surry County North Carolina and is nestled right in the heart of North Carolina Wine Country. Small and inviting, Dobson offers lots of nice area attractions for visitors looking for a laid back and relaxing getaway.

While in Dobson visitors will want to visit the historic downtown, centered on the courthouse square, with its unique shops and restaurants. Other dining options in the area range from fine dining to family owned restaurants. Two hotels, camping areas, and cabin rentals offer a variety of unique accommodations for travelers. Dobson is also home to some of NC's premier wineries with each of those wineries offering their own unique wines and experiences to all customers; a day in itself can be used to leisurely travel to all of these wineries.

Dobson also has many offerings for those wanting to be outdoors. With beautiful views and mountain vistas visitors are encouraged to enjoy hiking, canoeing, fishing & numerous other outdoor activities while in the Dobson area.

Dobson is also home to some of NC's premier wineries with each of those wineries offering their own unique wines and experiences to all customers;

336-356-8962
www.dobson-nc.com



The distinctive stone masonry portals on most Parkway tunnels were generally not part of the original construction, but were added later, mostly in the 1950s and 1960s.

ATTRACTIONS

Main - Oak Emporium - Fashion, footwear, outdoor, gifts. Restaurant, historic renovation. Corner of Main, Oak & City Hall Streets. Open 7 days. www.mainoakemporium.com (336) 789-2404.

Mt. Airy Museum of Regional History - Over 30,000 sf. of exhibit space including Andy Griffith, Siamese twins, & Donna Fargo. Tues-Sat., admission. www.northcarolinamuseum.org (336) 786-4478.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

The Cabins at White Sulphur Springs - 133 White Sulphur Springs Road. Cabin rentals, one bedroom, king bed, queen sofa bed. 3.5 miles from Mount Airy. 8 miles to Parkway at Willis Gap.

Hampton Inn - Exit 101 off I-77 to I-74 exit 11 to US 601 North. Left at stoplight 1 1/2 mile on right. Award winning hotel! www.mountairy.hamptoninn.com Call (336) 789-5999 or (800) 565-5249.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Exit 101 off I-77 to I-74, exit 11 to US 601 North. 1 1/4 miles on left. Newest hotel in Mount Airy. Call (336) 719-1731.



SURRY COUNTY, NC

Surry NC, S of the Parkway on Hwys. 21, 18, 89 and 52. Lodging, restaurants, shopping, wineries, outdoor recreation, and more! www.versurry.com (877) 999-8390.



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www.facebook.com/blueridgeparkwayassociation



The Historic Rex Theater – Downtown Galax

Galax Visitor's Center
110 East Grayson St.
Galax, VA 24333

www.visitgalax.com

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Galax, VA

Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and just 7 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway, via Rt. 89 exit at MP 215, Galax is close enough for a leisurely drive from several metropolitan areas, but far enough to escape the toil and turmoil of urban living.

Once a furniture and textile town, Galax has evolved into an eclectic blend of small businesses offering unique shopping, enticing dining, and a musical heritage unlike any other. This hamlet is a preeminent destination on the Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, dubbed one of the 10 Best Driving Vacations by USA Today. Be it Bluegrass and Old Time music in the Spring, BBQ and Beach Music in July, or the World's Oldest and Largest Old Fiddler's Convention in August, you'll have a toe tappin' knee slappin' good time during our special events. Whether a day trip for a fun adventure or a weekend stay to explore all that Galax has to offer, visitors find themselves enchanted with the area and wanting to return again and again, and we welcome it.

*Dubbed one
of the 10 Best
Driving Vacations
by USA Today.*



■ DOBSON, NC

A small community is in the heart of North Carolina Wine Country and home to some of NC's premier wineries. Exit Parkway at MP 199.7 to I-77S exit 93. For more information visit: www.dobson-nc.com or call (336) 356-8962.

Hampton Inn & Suites - MP 119.5 US 52 to I-77 S exit 93. Wine bar, indoor pool, exercise room, hot breakfast, meeting rooms. www.hamptoninn.com (336) 353-9400.

Shelton Vineyards and Harvest Grill - 199.5 US 52 to I-77S to NC exit 93 and follow the signs. Estate winery, offering tours and tastings daily. Restaurant serving lunch and dinner Mon-Sat, lunch on Sun. www.sheltonvineyards.com (336) 366-4724.

■ PILOT MOUNTAIN, NC

10 miles south of Mt. Airy, via US 52.

Pilot Knob Inn - Tobacco barn cabins & Honeymoon suites, whirlpools, fireplaces on 100+ acres, lake with boating & fishing, Pilot Mtn 1 mile off Hwy 52. Full breakfast & sauna. www.pilotknobinn.com (336) 325-2502.

■ PINNACLE, NC

Exit at MP 199, via US 52 S, 5 miles SSE of the town of Pilot Mountain, near Pilot Mountain State Park.

Jomeokee Park - 30 mi. off Parkway on US 52. Quiet & peaceful. Tent camping & 20/30 amp sites. Gorgeous view of Pilot Mtn. Apr.-Nov. www.jomeokee.net (336) 325-2296.

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Blue Ridge Music Center - Outdoor stage and amphitheater features regularly scheduled seasonal performances (June-September) of old-time and bluegrass music. (276) 236-5309. Visitor Center open daily Summer-October. Visit www.blueridgemusiccenter.net for concert schedule.



Wooden fences add historic value and practical boundaries to adjacent land.

Milepost 213



BLUE RIDGE MUSIC CENTER

The sounds of the fiddle, banjo, and guitar are likely to welcome you when you visit the Blue Ridge Music Center that straddles the North Carolina/ Virginia border. As part of Virginia's Heritage Music Trail: The Crooked Road and the Blue Ridge Music Trails of North Carolina, some of the region's finest traditional music can be heard on weekends at the outdoor amphitheater late May through October. Weekdays, visitors are welcome to a front porch experience with local musicians on the breezeway.

The Blue Ridge Music Center is managed cooperatively by the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation with a mission to share traditional music and the bounty of our mountains with visitors. Established by the U.S. Congress in 1985, the site includes an outdoor amphitheater, indoor theater, and interpretive center, and gift shop. The Roots of American Music exhibit gives insight to the history and culture of regional music traditions. Trails are accessible from the parking lot including a Kids in Parks TRACK Trail which offers a special hiking experience to children of all ages.

Music seems to be a natural part of these mountains - practically inseparable from those who call this special place home. Nowhere is that heritage felt more strongly than here on the banks of Chestnut Creek and in the shadow of Fisher Peak. The people of these mountains have created and kept alive some of the richest traditions of folk music and dance in our nation, much of it being commercially recorded in the 1920s and 1930s. The region is nationally recognized as a center of traditional Blue Ridge Music. Music here arises from diverse ethnic groups, European and African, and has evolved over generations into distinct styles with distinct identities. It reflects community, personal values, and cultural connections to the wider world.

ADMISSION IS FREE, SO RELAX, ENJOY THE MUSIC,
THE CONCERTS, AND THE EXPERIENCE AT THE BLUE RIDGE
MUSIC CENTER, A PLACE NEAR TO HEART OF AMERICA
AND ITS MUSIC. WWW.BLUERIDGEMUSICCENTER.ORG

■ GALAX, VA

Exit 215 - 7 miles N on Rt 89. Live radio show each Friday night from the Rex Theater. Downtown shops, area museum, New River Trail. www.visitgalax.com (276) 238-8130.

Cool Breeze Campground - MP 215 3/4 mile N on Rt. 89. Left on Edmonds Rd #613, 2.5 miles on Right. Full hook-ups, Big Rig Friendly, bathhouse, laundry, Rally Center. Clubs Welcome. Free Wi-fi & cable TV. Open Year Round. www.coolbreezecampground.com Toll Free (866) 342-0300.

Fiddler's Roost Bed & Breakfast Cabins - MP 214 next to Blue Ridge Music Amphitheatre. Breathtaking mountain views! Couples hot tubs. www.FiddlersRoostCabins.com (276) 236-1212.

Blue Ridge Travel Association - Free travel guide of the attractions, accommodations and events for locations along I-77 and I-81, and scenic byways of the mountains of Virginia. www.virginiablueridge.org (800) 446-9670.

■ WYTHEVILLE, VA

Something for everyone including an animal park, dinner theatre, wineries, interesting trails, Indian village, outdoor recreation, shopping, motels, cabins, B&Bs, over 60 restaurants & more! www.VisitWytheville.com 1-877-347-8307.



Blue Ridge Music Center. Photo courtesy of NPS



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www.facebook.com/blueridgeparkwayassociation



Wytheville Convention
& Visitors Bureau
975 Tazewell Street
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cvb@wytheville.org

877-347-8307

www.VisitWytheville.com

Wytheville, VA

When you discover all that Wytheville has to enjoy, you'll see why it's called a "Small Town with a Big Experience." Located at the crossroads of Interstates 77 & 81 in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Wytheville offers a variety of interesting attractions for all ages surrounded by the beauty of a wealth of outdoor recreation. From wineries and gardens to a dinner theatre featuring all musicals, from historic museums and an Indian village to a 45-acre animal park, whether it's a scenic drive, a round of golf or shopping, there's something for the entire family. Accommodations range from all-suite hotels to budget motels, luxurious bed & breakfasts and cabins as well as numerous campgrounds. Over 60 restaurants offer a variety to dining choices with local flavor and national chains.

Come and experience the beauty, history and variety that make this small town unique.

Wytheville is located at the crossroads of Interstates 77 & 81, just 30 minutes from the Fancy Gap entrance to the Blue Ridge Parkway.





Campsites often fill early. Reserve in advance to ensure a site will be available.

Big Walker Lookout - Observation tower, scenic views, hiking trails, cafe & craft/novelty shop. Exit at Fancy Gap - US 52 North, past Wytheville to Big Walker. Open all year. (276) 663-4016.

www.scenicbeauty-va.com.

■ TROUTDALE, VA

38 miles from Parkway via Rt 16. Located off Interstate 81 between Wytheville and Abingdon.

Grindstone Recreation Area & Campground - 100 sites. 1946 Laurel Valley Road, Troutdale, VA. This area boasts hundreds of miles of hiking & biking trails. www.cfaia.org (877) 444-6777.

■ DAMASCUS, VA

Located off Interstate 81 southeast of Abingdon.

Beartree Lake Campground & Recreation Area - 20993 Beartree Gap Rd., Damascus, VA. 14 acre lake to swim, fish, or relax at the beach. www.cfaia.org (877) 444-6777.

■ ABINGDON, VA

Off Interstate 81, Exits 14, 17, 19.

Barter Theatre - Professional live theatre - 18 productions, two historic stages, one great experience. 127 W. Main St., Abingdon, VA. I-81 exit 17. For tickets call (276) 628-3991 or visit www.bartertheatre.com.

The Crooked Road - Virginia's Heritage Music Trail. Visit the place where America's Music was born...and lives on. www.thecrookedroad.org (276) 492-2409.

Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway - Featuring the region's best arts & crafts, heritage music, and local food & wine. A great place to start your Southwest Virginia adventure. I-81 Exit 14. www.heartwoodvirginia.org.

PARKWAY POINTS to Ponder

A LAND OF CREEKS AND RIVERS

We may not think of a mountain Parkway being associated with creeks and rivers, but the Blue Ridge Parkway protects the headwaters of many local and regional watersheds. Early map-makers carefully marked the water courses coming down from the mountains and tumbling through the Piedmont to the ocean. Driving the Parkway today, visitors will cross five major rivers – the James, Roanoke, Linville, French Broad, and Swannanoah – all of which help define our region.

■ BRISTOL, VA/TN

Located on I-81 at the Tennessee/Virginia state line

Bristol Caverns - 5 miles southeast of Bristol on US 421. Only 8 miles from I-81 Exit 3. A journey through the caverns will take you through millions of years of timeless beauty. Largest and most beautiful in Smoky Mountain region. Open daily. (423) 878-2011.

■ PENNINGTON GAP, VA

40 miles west of Kingsport, TN via Rts. 23 & 58.

Old VA Hand Hewn Log Homes - Mfg. authentic hand hewn log homes of 6"x12" with dovetail corners; optional chink joint or on log. New 8"x8" planed round or D log with dovetail corner. Hqts. & Sales Office US Hwy 58 near DOT, Pennington Gap, VA 24277. Company owned log guest cabin available for overnight lodging. Call for Reservations. (276) 546-5647.



A state fishing license is required for fishing in Parkway waters.

Blue Ridge Parkway Highlands Region:

Milepost 217, VA/NC Border
to Milepost 340, Crabtree Falls



MAP KEY: Refer to page 13 for explanation of symbols

216.9 NC - VA State Line. Alt. 2,547.

217.5 **Cumberland Knob.** 1,000 acres, picnic area, comfort stations, drinking water. 15-minute loop trail to Cumberland Knob. (Elev. 2,855). Loop trail into Gully Creek Gorge. 2 hours.

218.6 **Fox Hunters Paradise.** Overlook and parking area. A one-minute walk on a paved trail takes you to a rock pedestrian overlook near the spot where old-time hunters listened to their hounds. Alt. 2,805.

229 **US 21 Crossover.** West 7 mi. to Sparta, NC., 17 mi to Independence, VA. East 4 Mi. to Roaring Gap, NC.

■ ALLEGHANY COUNTY, NC

Alleghany County Visitor Center is just a few miles off the BRP in downtown Sparta. Slow down. Breathe easy. Stay as busy or un-busy as you want to be. Conquer a mountain or play checkers on the front porch. Find out where to stay, dine, hike, explore, canoe, fish, shop and play. www.coolsparta.com (800) 372-5473.

John Harmon Gallery - 10100 US Hwy 21 S Roaring Gap. MP 229, south on 21, four miles. Fine art & pottery, gas, food, motel & camping available in area. www.JohnHarmonGallery.com (336) 363-9138.



Keep your eyes open for wildlife.

■ GLADE VALLEY, NC

North of the Parkway via US 21, exit at MP 229.

Blue Ridge Vacation Rental Home & Retreat - 5905

Mountain View Road, Glade Valley, NC 28627. A large 6 bed/4 bath historic home located between MP 225/226.

www.blueridgebandb.net (336) 657-3000.

Glade Valley B&B - Located near the middle of the BRP at MP 229. Visit our beautiful log home with mountain views. Six rooms, all with private baths. Start your morning with a homemade country breakfast. Exit at Rt. 21, south towards Roaring Gap, ¼ mi. turn left on Shawtown Rd. 1¼ mile, right on Shaw Lane. 330 Shaw Lane, Glade Valley, NC. www.gladevalley.com (800) 538-3508.

■ ROARING GAP, NC

5 miles south of Parkway on US 21, exit at MP 229.

Nikola's Restaurant & High Meadows Inn - US 21 South. Spacious rooms, cable/TV, AC suites, great rates, steaks, seafood, pastas & more. Eat & stay. Rest. (336) 363-6060, Inn (336) 363-2221.

■ SPARTA, NC

North of Parkway on US 21. Exit at MP 229 or 248.

Alleghany Inn - 341 N Main St, Sparta, NC 28675. 64 Rooms - Free Wireless Internet - Cable TV 60+ chan, guest laundry. Restaurant on site. Reserve online: www.AlleghanyInn.com or (888) 372-2501.

Blue Ridge Gallery of Fine Art & Joe Edwards Christmas

Tree Farm - Mahogany Rock Rd. L on Pine Swamp, L on Gallery Lane. Wine tasting, wire-wrapped jewelry, paintings, pottery, ornaments, photography and trees. www.blueridgefineart.com (336) 372-1711.

Harmony Hill B&B - 1740 Halsey Knob Rd. 30 min. away. 360 degree views, 6 guest rooms with private baths. Sit on the porch, sip a glass of wine, and enjoy! www.harmonyhillbnb.com

■ ELKIN, NC

Exit at Milepost 229 - travel south on Hwy 21. Visit more than 6 wineries of the Yadkin Valley on your way to Elkin. Lodging, restaurants and more! Download our free App: Elkin NC. www.elkinnc.org (336) 794-6464.

■ JONESVILLE, NC

Exit at Milepost 229, South of Parkway on US 21, via I-77 South, Exit 82. Welcome Center open Mon-Sat. 8:30am-8:00pm, Sun 12-8:00pm. www.visittheyadkinvalley.com (877) 728-6798.

GoYadkinValley.com - It starts with a river. M.P 276.4 through 199.5 to discovery wineries, outdoor adventure and small town charms. www.GoYadkinValley.com



Alleghany County & Sparta, NC

Do you have the latest electronic organizer but your life still runs in circles? Do you wake up each morning with new worries to add to yesterday's unfinished business?

Discover an unhurried day with time to feel nature's pace, the slow rising of the sun, the warmth it brings to the day and the waning light that heralds nightfall.

Discover the Blue Ridge Mountains of Alleghany County and Sparta, North Carolina. Ride winding two-lane roads and be awed by the same scenic splendor that attracts Parkway visitors. See art take shape at an artisan's studio.

Float down the New River and let its waters soothe you. Experience mountain music at an informal jam, barn dance or live music venue.

Be challenged by our mountain links and enjoy a cool summer's day of golf. At day's end, snuggle under covers and the stars of a cool mountain night and sleep your cares away.

Alleghany County
Chamber of Commerce
and Visitors' Center
58 South Main Street
Sparta NC 28675

1-800-372-5473
www.CoolSparta.com

NC 18 offers Parkway travelers a back-roads alternative route through the Alleghany County countryside and the small town of Sparta. Exit and return to the Parkway at Mile Posts 217.3 and 248. Sparta is also accessible via US 21 at Mile Post 229.6.





Doughton Park

238.5 Doughton Park, 7,000 acres - Picnic area (Milepost 241), campground (Milepost 239), trailer sites, comfort stations, drinking water, 30 miles of trail. At Milepost 238.5 is the picturesque Brinegar Cabin. Be sure to visit Wildcat Rocks (Milepost 241.1), to view the Caudill House, a survivor from a community largely destroyed by an early 20th century flood.

248.1 NC 18 Crossover 2 mi. west of Laurel Springs. 24 mi. east to North Wilkesboro, NC.

■ PINEY CREEK, NC

US 21 to Rt 93. Exit Parkway at MP 229.

RiverCamp USA - 2221 Kings Creek Rd. Piney Creek, NC. MP 248, 18N to 113N, follow signs. Located on the New River, FHU, 30/50 amps, river and pull-thru sites, group area, canoe, kayak, and tube rentals, store. www.rivercampusa.com (336) 359-CAMP (2267).

■ LAUREL SPRINGS, NC

Just north of Parkway on NC 18, exit at MP 248.

Cabins on Laurel Creek - 2900 S Laurel Fork Rd. MP 250. 3 pet-friendly cabins in peaceful location overlooking pond & pastures. www.cabinsonlaurelcreek.com (336) 207-7677.

Freeborne's Eatery & Lodge - Hwy 18 S Laurel Springs, MP 248. 18 rooms with full service restaurant, bar, store, MC & Visa. www.freebornes.com Reservations call (336) 359-8008.

Miller's Camping - 1 mile N of Hwy 18 on Parkway Milepost 247. Full hook-ups, store, mountain-made crafts, hot showers, & laundry. www.millerscamping.com (336) 359-2828.

Wild Woody's Campground & Antique Store - Just off Parkway Hwy 18. Campground on trout stream, showers, beer, snacks. Ice cream, antiques, rare records, candles. Must see to believe. Buy, sell, trade, and rent Campers. Open May-Dec. 12-8 Thurs-Sun or call for appt. (336) 984-8088 (c), (336) 359-8432 (h).

■ ASHE COUNTY, NC

www.the coolestcorner.com. Enjoy scenic views, hiking, biking, canoeing, golf, 3 historic towns, arts district, crafts, festivals. Ashe Chamber, PO Box 31, West Jefferson, NC 28694. www.ashechamber.com (888) 343-2743.

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Northwest Trading Post offers crafts and packaged food gifts from North Carolina's northwestern counties. (336) 982-2543

■ GLENDALE SPRINGS, NC

100 yards west of Northwest Trading Post, MP 259.

Greenhouse Crafts Shop - 1/4 mile west of Trading Post. Beautiful gifts, crafts, books, CDs, instruments, garden. Open 7 days. (336) 982-2618.

New River Inn and Cottages - Glendale Springs, NC. Milepost 259. Upgraded inn, rooms and cottages. Rates from \$49/night. www.newriverinnnc.com (336) 982-8282.

Northwest Trading Post - at MP 259 is now "Sally Mae's on the Parkway" featuring Hand Made In The USA products with food and drinks in a magical historic venue. (336) 982-2543.

Raccoon Holler Camping Area - Between Mileposts 257 & 258 just off NC 16. Beautifully shaded, full hookups, swimming, fishing. Open April 15 til Nov 1. www.raccoonholler.com (336) 982-2706.

Zaloo's Canoes - Cool off! The kids will love it. 5 minutes off Parkway. Safe - Scenic 1-5 hour tube and canoe trips on the New River. Best family adventure on the Parkway. Go west at the North West Trading Post MP 259 for one half mile then right on Hwy 16 for 3 miles. Glendale Springs. www.zaloos.com (800) 535-4027.



More than 250 bird species have been observed along the Parkway

NC 16 Crossover. West 12 mi. to Jefferson, 14 mi to West Jefferson, 26 mi to Grassy Creek. East 20 mi. to North Wilkesboro.

■ JEFFERSON, NC

12 miles north of Parkway via NC 16, exit at MP 261.

Buffalo Tavern B&B - 958 W. Buffalo Road, W Jefferson, NC. MP 261, 4 rooms, full breakfast, mountain views, 1872 farm house. www.buffalotavern.com (877) 615-9678.

Best Western Eldreth Inn - Hwys. 221 & 88. AAA/3 Diamond. Comfortable country hospitality. Take NC 16 to US 221 south to Jefferson. Kings, queens, x-long double beds, & non-smoking rooms available. Cable TV/HBO. Rocking chairs on balconies. View of Mt. Jefferson; next to the shopping center; near New River canoeing, frescoes, cheese factory. Open all year. For reservations & information, call (800) 221-8802 or (336) 246-8845.

Jefferson Landing - Hwy 16/89, 2 miles from Parkway MP 261. Championship golf, restaurant w/delightful accommodations overlooking Mt. Jefferson. www.jeffersonlandingclub.com (800) 292-6274.

■ WEST JEFFERSON, NC

Historic West Jefferson, located 14 mi. from MP 261. Art galleries, restaurants, unique shops. (866) 607-0093. Find us online: www.visitwestjefferson.org

Boondocks Brewing Tap Room & Restaurant - Committed to Excellence - Dedicated to Community. 108 S Jefferson Ave. www.boondocks-brewing.com (336) 246-5222.

Mountain Aire Golf Club - Beautiful 18 hole public golf course. Great condition, reasonable rates. Exit Parkway at Glendale Springs or Deep Gap. 1396 Fairway Ridge Dr., West Jefferson, NC 28694. www.mountainaire.com (336) 877-4716.

PARKWAY POINTS to Ponder

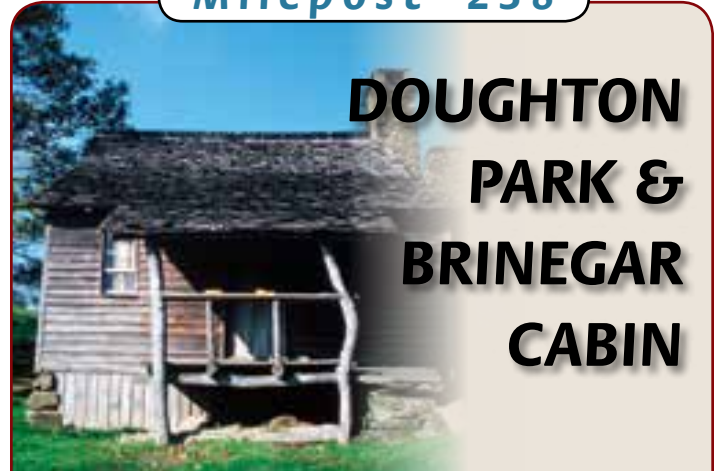
SNAKES - PART OF OUR WORLD!

Like all wild animals, snakes tend to shy away from humans. They play an important role in the ecosystem, feeding on small rodents and helping to keep those populations in balance. In these mountains, Copperhead and Timber Rattler are the only poisonous varieties. On cool summer mornings or evenings, snakes will look for the warmest places such as rocks, pavement, or any sunny place. Be aware, be alert, and stay on the trails!

Mountain Aire Seafood & Steak - Jct. 16 & MP 261. Go 1/2 mile N on Hwy 16. Credit cards accepted. (336) 982-3060. www.mountainaireseafood.com

Nation's Inn of Ashe County - 9 miles from Parkway. MP 261. Continental breakfast, Ashe County hospitality. M/C, VS, DS, AX. www.nationsinn.com (336) 246-2080 or (800) 801-3441.

Milepost 238



DOUGHTON PARK & BRINEGAR CABIN

Rolling ridgetop meadows and steep mountainsides characterize the Doughton Park area. Remote mountain places like this were settled in the mid-to-late 1800s by growing families seeking more land by moving farther up the mountain creeks and valleys, while remaining in proximity to parents, grandparents, and other relatives. While people in many other parts of the country were rushing into the modern ways of the 20th century, these close-knit families—like the Brinegars, Caudills, Joines, Crouses and Pruitts—still raised most of their own food, built their own homes, and lived well into the 1900s without modern conveniences.

Martin Brinegar and Caroline Joines were married in 1878 and built a log cabin near Caroline's parents' home. It still stands here on the ridge along with their springhouse and granary. Here they raised and provided for their three children. Below the Brinegar cabin is Basin Cove. Settled in the 1880s by Harrison Caudill, Basin Cove grew into a community of 20 families with a store, church, and school. In 1916, torrential flooding throughout the mountains caused mud slides and destruction to cascade down the valley, destroying all but one home and killing several people.

Today, Parkway visitors can experience the ruggedness and beauty of life here. Glimpse Basin Cove and the remaining cabin from Wildcat Rocks near Bluffs lodge. Or hike some of the more than 30 miles of trails that meander through the meadows and climb the steep hillsides. The Brinegar cabin is open several days a week during the summer and fall. Visitors can tour a demonstration garden and the cabin, and see exhibits, learning how Caroline made her family's clothes from the flax she grew and sheep she raised herself.

268 **Benge Gap.**

272 **E.B. Jeffress Park.** Picnic area, Comfort station, trail to Cascades.

■ LANSING, NC

20 miles northwest of Parkway via Rt 163, then Rt 194.

On the Windfall Cottages - located in Ashe County. Secluded, upscale cottages on a private mtn top. www.onthewindfall.com (704) 975-3058.

■ WILKESBORO, NC

20 miles southeast of Parkway via US 421 exit at Milepost 276.4.

Addison Inn - Hwy 421N. 20 miles SE of Parkway. Complimentary cont. breakfast, pool, free HSIA, pet friendly. 115 units. www.addisoninn.com (336) 838-1000 (800) 672-7218.

Holiday Inn Express - Hwy 421, 20 miles from Parkway. Newly renovated hotel, hot breakfast, pool, HSIA. www.hiexpress.com/wilkesboronc (336) 838-1800.

Wilkes Heritage Museum - Includes Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame. 100 E. Main St. M-F 10-4, Sat. by appt. only. Guided & self-guided tours, special events and gift shop. Admission charged. www.wilkesheritagemuseum.com (336) 667-3171.

■ WILKES COUNTY, NC

The Blue Ridge Parkway is our northern county line. Exit at Mileposts 248.2 (NC 18), 261 (NC 16), or 276.4 (US 421). Information: PO Box 727, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659 E-mail: chamber@wilkesnc.org. Web: www.wilkesnc.org Phone (336) 838-8662; FAX (336) 838-3728.

276.4 **Deep Gap.** US 421 Crossover. W. 11 mi. to Boone. E 26 miles to North Wilkesboro.

■ FLEETWOOD, NC

6 miles north of Parkway via US 221, exit at MP 276.4.

Fleetwood Falls® - A quiet place nestled in the mountains, along the New River. Real estate for sale. Open all year. 9 1/2 miles NW of Parkway off Hwy. 221 on State Road 1106. 3108 Railroad Grade Road, PO Box 128, Fleetwood, NC 28626. www.fleetwoodfalls.com (336) 877-1110.

■ WINSTON-SALEM, NC

South of Parkway via US 421, exit at Milepost 276.4 or Milepost 199.5, US 52 South.

Old Salem - Restored 18th-19th century town with 80 buildings on 100+ acres; decorative arts, award-winning heirloom gardens, shopping, dining, picnic tables. 1.5 hours from Parkway. 9:00-5:00 Tues-Sat; 1:00-5:00 Sunday. www.oldsalem.org (336) 721-7300.



Leatherwood Mountains

Wilkes Chamber of Commerce
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

336-838-8662

www.ExploreWilkes.com

Wilkes County, NC

Wilkes County, the gateway to the Blue Ridge Mountains, is located in the Yadkin Valley where outdoor recreation thrives. Mountain streams, rivers, and lakes are featured throughout the tall trees and lush green valleys as visitors enjoy fly fishing, boating, canoing and kayaking. Trails are available for walking, hiking, biking, and bird watching. Visitors will relish the harvest of the local vineyards, wineries, orchards, and farmers markets.

MerleFest, Singing in the Foothills, Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame, Shine to Wine, Brushy Mountain Apple Festival, all featuring the best of Americana, Gospel, Bluegrass, Beach, and mountain heritage music. Quiet, modern, and private accommodations hosting multiple hotel rooms, secluded cabins, and picturesque campsites are accessible and affordable.

Visit www.ExploreWilkes.com – you'll like what you see.

Discover the wonderful recreational opportunities such as W. Kerr Scott Reservoir's camping, boating, bird watching, hiking and mountain biking the seven-mile Dark Mountain Trail.



(Funded by Wilkesboro Tourism Development Convention and Visitors Bureau)



Moses H. Cone Memorial Park (MP 294) offers maps for 25 miles of carriage trails on its property.

■ GREENSBORO, NC

Come explore the historic grounds of the Revolutionary War battlefields at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park. From one treasure to another, take a free tour of Replacements, Ltd. with over 13 million pieces of inventory. To pack in even more, spend time in our revitalized downtown - home to art galleries, theatres, restaurants, our minor league ballpark and exceptional historical museum. In the summer, be sure to cool off at Wet 'n Wild water park. www.visitgreensboronc.com or (800) 344-2282.

■ CALDWELL COUNTY, NC

Home to 20 miles of furniture stores located along U.S. 321 - a required destination for any serious shopper looking for furniture bargains. Visit downtown Lenoir filled with sculpture, eateries and shops. Located thirty minutes south of Blowing Rock at Milepost 294. www.explorecaledwell.com (800) 737-0782.

■ ELIZABETHTON, TN

"Birthplace of American Democracy," two state parks, largest rhododendron gardens in U.S., oldest frame house in TN, 134' covered bridge. Enjoy the outdoors, camping, water sports & hiking. www.tourcartercounty.com (423) 547-3850.

■ GREENEVILLE, TN

30 miles southwest of Johnson City, TN on US 321.

Andrew Johnson Golf Club - Courtesy is #1 with us! 18 holes, driving range, snack bar, Bermuda fairways & bent greens. Enjoyable for all skill levels. www.andrewjohnsongolf.com (423) 636-1476.

291.9 US 221/321 Crossover. 7 mi. north to Boone, 2 mi. south to Blowing Rock.

■ BOONE, NC

7 miles north of Parkway, via US 221/321, exit MP 291.9.

Watauga County Tourism Development Authority - Simple Pleasures & Mountain Values! Explore one of America's premier outdoor recreation and relaxation destinations. Visit www.exploreboonearea.com.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Blue Heaven Resort & Spa - 911 Rock Cliff Rd., Boone. M.P. 285 Great Views, Relaxing Rooms, Spa Treatments, Dining, Daily Yoga and Meditation, Weekend Retreats. (800) 392-6870 www.theblueheavenspa.com

The Boone-Blowing Rock Area Lodging Association - For lodging choices and information about the High Country Area around Boone and Blowing Rock, please visit our website www.highcountrylodging.com.

Comfort Suites - 1184 Hwy 105, 6 miles from Parkway. 96 suite hotel rooms, heat, indoor pool, exercise and game rooms. Hot breakfast. (888) 854-5959.

Courtyard by Marriott - 1050 Hwy 105 Boone, NC 28607. Brand new hotel in the High Country of NC. www.courtyard.com/hkybn Phone (828) 265-7676.

Crestwood Resort and Spa - MP 295. 5 min. down Shulls Mill Rd. Incredible views, restaurant, lodging, pool. www.crestwoodnc.com (828) 963-6646.

Fairfield Inn & Suites - 2060 Blowing Rock Rd. 5 miles from Parkway. Continental breakfast. Call (800) 228-2800.

Foscoe Rentals - Cabins, Condos and Vacation Homes centrally located to Boone, Banner Elk and Blowing Rock. www.foscoerentals.com (800) 723-7341.

Hidden Valley Motel - Hwy 105 in the Foscoe Valley between Boone and Banner Elk. Enjoy birds, blooms and butterflies in our country garden. www.hiddenvalleymotel.com or jim@hiddenvalleymotel.com. Call (828) 963-4372.

KOA Kampground - From Boone, 194N 3 mi. Left on Ray Brown Rd. 1 mi. Beautiful view. Rec room, mini-golf, laundry, pool. 123 Harmony Mtn. Lane, Boone, NC 28607. (828) 264-7250.

Lovill House B & B - AAA 4 Diamond B&B in Boone on 421N. 6 Rooms/private baths/porch/11 acres. Full hot breakfast. www.lovillhouseinn.com (800) 849-9466.

Pepper's Restaurant - Famous sandwiches since 1975. Featuring steaks and seafood, soup & salad bar and homemade desserts. Open 7 days. Located at the Shops at Shadowline near Harris-Teeter. All ABC permits. www.peppers-restaurant.com (828) 262-1250.

Willow Valley Resort - 3 miles off Hwy 105 from Boone. Eff. 1 br/2 br/3 br cabins & condos. Fully furn. Golf, tennis, pool, fireplaces. Excellent getaway. (828) 963-6551.

RECREATION

River and Earth Adventures - Whitewater rafting, caving, canoe and kayak rentals/shuttles, outdoor adventures and ecotours. www.raftcavehike.com (866) 411-RAFT (7238).

North Carolina High Country Host - A comprehensive source for vacation information on NC's Northwest Mountains. Contact for help in planning lodging, attractions, events, restaurants, and recreation in the High Country-Boone-Blowing Rock, Beech Mtn., Banner Elk, Linville, Sparta, West Jefferson, the Wilkesboros, and other communities. Visitor Center - NC High Country Host, 1700 Blowing Rock Rd., Boone, NC 28607. www.mountainsofnc.com, e-mail: info@highcountryhost.com, (800) 438-7500.

■ VALLE CRUCIS, NC

via Rts US 421N or NC 194, 5 miles SW of Boone.

Mast General Store - Established 1883. Listed National Register of Historic Places. Authentic & nostalgic emporium located in pastoral setting 8 miles from Boone in the Valle Crucis community. Clothing, camping gear, shoes & boots, housewares & unique gifts. Hwy 194 (828) 963-6511. Also visit our downtown stores in Boone, Asheville, Hendersonville, Waynesville, Greenville, SC and Knoxville, TN. Visit online at www.mastgeneralstore.com.

■ VILAS, NC

7 miles southwest of Boone, via Rts US 421N or NC 194.

Vanderpool Campground - 7 miles west of Boone, just off Hwy 421, right on Vanderpool Rd. Open year-round. Full hook-ups, level ground. Pull-thrus for big rigs, Wi-Fi, propane, peaceful, natural setting, many trees, birds, small creek, laundry, bath house. 17 mi. to Mountain City, TN. (828) 297-3486.

■ BLOWING ROCK, NC

Charming village on the Parkway. Exit Hwy 221 & 321. Lodging, dining and shops. Near attractions. Information: Blowing Rock Visitor Center, 159 Chestnut St. or PO Box 2445, Blowing Rock, NC 28605. www.BlowingRock.com (828) 295-4636.

ATTRACTIONS

The Blowing Rock - Breathtaking view 4090 feet above John's River Gorge. Prevailing winds return light objects thrown over the void. Hwy. 321 South, Blowing Rock, NC. www.theblowingrock.com.

For Blue Ridge Parkway information, including road conditions or closings, please visit www.nps.gov/blri



Boone, NC
Exit at Milepost 291.9

Boone, NC

Enjoy some of the most stunning views, thrilling outdoor activities, arts, family attractions and more along the Boone leg of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Each season has its own natural attractions, its own outdoor adventures and its own festivals and celebrations.

Bike a country road, hike a scenic trail, fish a remote stream, or take a ride on an authentic narrow-gauge steam locomotive. With beautiful fall colors, three winter ski resorts and average summer temperatures in the 70s... our mountains are always in season!

Boone is the perfect place to spend the night. From relaxing bed & breakfasts to reliable hotel brands to resorts and spas, it's all here in the Heart of the High Country.

Here in the highest part of the Appalachian mountains, Daniel Boone once explored mountain trails.

800-852-9506

www.ExploreBooneArea.com

Come and see why Boone, NC has been a favorite parkway destination for 75 years!

Green Park Inn - This National Historic Register Hotel has been continuously operated as a food and lodging establishment since 1891. The imposing Victorian wood frame structure and Queen Anne period furnished public areas exist essentially as they were when first constructed. See and experience what vacation life was like in the High Country of yesteryear. This Grand Dame hotel is referred to as the jewel in the crown of the Blue Ridge. She is the last of the grand hotels that once covered the mountains. Just 3 miles south on Rte. 321 from the Boone/Blowing Rock exit. No admission fee. www.GreenParkInn.com.

Mystery Hill - Family fun center! Feel the strange pull. See water flow uphill. Hall of Mystery. 40 challenges. Heritage & Artifact Museums. Open all year. Hwy 221/321 North Blowing Rock. www.mysteryhill-nc.com info@mysteryhill-nc.com (828) 263-0507.

Tweetsie Railroad - North Carolina's first theme park. Relive the Old West aboard the historic steam-powered locomotive known as Tweetsie. Bring your family and enjoy entertaining shows, rides, shopping, mountain clogging, panning for gold and a deer park. Open 9AM-6PM Friday-Sunday, Mid-April through May. June through Mid-August open seven days a week from 9AM-6PM. Mid-August through October open Friday-Sunday from 9AM-6PM. Located on Hwy 321 between Boone and Blowing Rock, NC. and from the Blue Ridge Parkway exit at mile post 291, Boone exit. For more information call (800) 526-5740 or visit our Web site: www.tweetsie.com.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Alpen Acres Motel - 1/4 mi. N. of Blue Ridge Parkway on Hwy 321 - scenic hilltop. Heated pool, free wireless, light morning snacks. Chalet for 2. AAA. www.alpenacres.com (888) 297-7981.

Alpine Village Inn - 297 Sunset Dr. Cozy rooms & suites with AC, free Wi-Fi. Some fireplaces & Jacuzzi. Pet friendly rooms. www.alpine-village-inn.com (828) 295-7206.

PARKWAY POINTS *to Ponder*

WATCHING FOR BEARS!

The Black bears are the largest mammals in the Appalachians, and like all wild animals, they tend to keep their distance from humans. This is, of course, best for the bears and for the visitors! The population of bears in both Virginia and North Carolina is on the rise. Especially when camping or picnicking, use the bear-proof garbage cans provided, or better still, take your trash back home with you. Keep your distance from these magnificent creatures.

Milepost 294



MOSES H CONE MEMORIAL PARK

As unlikely as it sounds, blue jeans, farming and fine art largely define this country estate - turned Parkway recreation area. Moses Cone and his wife Bertha built what was then known as Flat Top Manor at the turn of the twentieth century. The son of a German Jewish immigrant who came to America as a peddler, Moses and his brother Caesar fashioned a textile empire, making them the leading producers of denim in the world. Visitors here will gain an understanding of the influence of this textile giant, and the role that the landscape architecture movement and country estate movement of the nineteenth century had on life in the Appalachian mountains.

In the 1890s and early 1900s, Cone fashioned this country place at Blowing Rock with its 23-room Colonial Revival mansion as a health retreat from the rigors of his business empire and as a way to showcase his new-found wealth. He built approximately twenty five miles of well-planned and exquisitely maintained carriage roads and two lakes. On Flat Top Mountain and Rich Mountain he and Bertha raised cattle and sheep and planted tens of thousands of apple trees. Soon after Bertha's death, the family offered the property to the Parkway with the understanding that it would be operated as a "public park and pleasuring ground."

Today the manor and the entire estate are one of the most heavily used areas along the Parkway and home to the Parkway Craft Center. Carriage roads are popular for hiking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing, especially by residents of the Boone/Blowing Rock area. While adjacent development has degraded some views from the estate, overall it retains most of the elements and the atmosphere of the premier county estate that it was. During the summer and fall, National Park Service staff provides frequent tours of the house. The manor house is both a good starting point and a highlight of any visit. Browse the bookstore and the craft center, with its assortment of contemporary and traditional crafts. Craft demonstrations are offered frequently in the summer.

Blue Ridge Mountain Rentals - Offers a selection of over 175 luxury vacation homes in the NC Mountains! Whether you are planning a family vacation or a romantic getaway for two, let us help! www.blueridgerentals.com or Call (800) 237-7975.

Chetola Resort - Magnificent views on 87 acres. Chetola Lodge, Bob Timberlake Inn and spacious condominiums. Spa at Chetola Resort, Timberlake's Restaurant, fitness center, Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Lodge, golf, fishing, wing shooting packages. 500 N. Main Street, Blowing Rock, NC 28605. (828) 295-5500 or (800) 243-8652. www.chetola.com.

Gideon Ridge Inn - 202 Gideon Ridge Rd. Beautiful stone Inn with great views & gardens. B&B 10 rooms & suites. \$150-\$360. www.gideonridge.com (828) 295-3644.

Green Park Inn - Full service National Historic Register hotel continuously operated since 1891, with Laurel Room restaurant, fully licensed Divide Tavern, pool, massage services, and spacious public areas all in their original Victorian design. This imposing Queen Anne structure offers a variety of room types including private balcony suites overlooking the golf course and mountains beyond. Grand Ballroom, Garden Room and other event spaces for up to 200 guests. Fully renovated and restored in 2010. Experience the grandeur of a bygone era. Built straddling the Eastern Continental Divide just 3 miles south on 321 from the Blowing Rock/Boone exit. Wireless internet throughout, new telephone system, large screen CATV HDTVs, full complimentary breakfast, 80 rooms. www.GreenParkInn.com (828) 414-9230.

Hemlock Inn & Suites - "A Blowing Rock Tradition". Open all year. One of downtown's best locations. Located 2 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway. Hemlock Inn is one building off main street, within walking distance of shops, restaurants, and park. Kings with feather-bed, queens, doubles and two room-suites are available. Handicap accessible rooms also available. All rooms have color cable TV, A/C, telephones, microwaves, small refrigerators and coffee pots. Suites have fully equipped kitchens. Gazebo with sitting area and fountain. Free WiFi available. www.hemlockinn.net (828) 295-7987.

Holiday Inn Express Blowing Rock - 1 mile South on US 321. Rooms with King or 2 Queen beds, microwave, refrig. Complimentary hot breakfast, internet, indoor pool. www.holidayinnexpressblowingrocknc.com (828) 295-4422.

Homestead Inn - 153 Morris St. in the heart of town. Open year round. Sun.-Thurs. discount. Quaint, cozy, immaculate rooms. A/C, flat screen TV, phones, coffee, fridge, micro, fireplaces, Jacuzzis. Efficiency avail. Free Wi-Fi. www.homestead-inn.com (828) 295-9559.

Jenkins Rentals - The finest vacation rentals in the Blowing Rock area. Homes with hot tubs, long range mountain views. www.jenkinsrentals.com (800) 438-7803.

Meadowbrook Inn - 711 Main Street - Spacious rooms & suites with fireplaces & Jacuzzis. Restaurant, indoor pool, fitness center & complimentary breakfast. www.meadowbrook-inn.com or (800) 456-5456.



Blowing Rock, NC

High in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina, Blowing Rock has been a destination for travelers seeking a place to rest and rejuvenate since the 1800s.

Known as the "Crown of the Blue Ridge," Blowing Rock offers visitors sweeping vistas of the Blue Ridge Mountains, which are cool and refreshing in the spring and summer, before blazing into a beautiful tapestry of changing leaves in autumn and frosting with snow in winter.

Just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, the village of Blowing Rock is a place where time-honored charm and tradition meet modern style and sophistication. With an excellent selection of shops and restaurants, the village offers something for all tastes and a wealth of hidden treasures along the way. Visitors enjoy year-round festivals and attractions including Tweetsie Railroad and The Blowing Rock, as well as a wide array of outdoor adventures from hiking, biking and horseback riding to skiing at Appalachian Ski Mountain.

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**Blowing Rock —
Crown of the Blue Ridge**

**877-750-INFO (4636)
www.BlowingRock.com**



The Village Inns of Blowing Rock - Our 3 Inns are located within walking distance of Main Street. Rooms, suites & cottages available. Pet friendly. www.thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com (800) 821-4908.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Footsloggers - Sharing in your outdoor adventures for over 30 years. Hiking & climbing equipment, men's & ladies outer wear, footwear, paddle sports, eyewear. Come climb our 35' climbing tower - fun for all ages. Blowing Rock. (828) 262-5111. (828) 295-4453.

Grandfather Country Store - MP 298. Est. 1880's. Intersect Holloway Mtn Rd & Hwy 221 - 1 mi off Pkwy. Travel info, staples, antiques, local foods & gifts. www.grandfathercountrystore.com (828) 295-6100.

Parkway Craft Center - A shop of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, located in the Moses Cone Manor, Milepost 294, represents 400 artists of the Southern Appalachians on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Craft demonstrations offered from April to November. Open daily March 15 to November 30, 9-5 daily. Closed Thanksgiving. parkwaycraft@bellsouth.net (828) 295-7938.

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292.7

Moses H. Cone Memorial Park, 3,600 acres. Many miles of horse and carriage trails, hiking, fishing.

294

Moses Cone Manor House; Parkway Craft Center; comfort station; visitor information, Park Store.

297

Julian Price Memorial Park. 4,344 acres. Campground, picnic area, lake, boating, fishing, trails. Alt. 3,400. Reservations for camping www.recreation.gov.

304.4

Linn Cove Viaduct Information Center. Visitor information, comfort station, publications. Trail access viaduct. Alt. 4,000.

305.2

Junction Parkway and US 221. 3 mi. west to Linville.

SEVEN DEVILS, NC

11 miles from MP 305.2 - Via 221S to 105N. Lots of cabins to rent with beautiful views! Tennis courts, playground, zipline, tubing, waterfall. Great atmosphere, great location! www.sevendevils.net (828) 963-5343.



Town of Seven Devils
1356 Seven Devils Road
Seven Devils, NC 28604

828-963-5343
www.sevendevils.net

Seven Devils, NC

Convenient to the Blue Ridge Parkway, Grandfather Mountain and Bear Paw State Natural Area, The Town of Seven Devils offers a great starting point for your visit to the NC High Country. Located between Boone and Banner Elk, visitors can take advantage of easy access to area skiing, golfing, gem mining, trout fishing and more while enjoying the truly peaceful atmosphere of our quaint mountain community.

If you prefer your vacation a bit more action-packed, visit Hawksnest which boasts the largest snow tubing park on the east coast as well as high-flying zipline tours throughout the year. From chalets and condominiums - to mountain homes and log cabins, you will find private and unique lodging options surrounded by beautiful views in Seven Devils.

"DISCOVER OUR POSITIVE ALTITUDE"

**Seven Devils—
A unique
Destination!**



■ AVERY COUNTY, NC

Home of the Woolly Worm Festival. Christmas trees, top resorts & attractions, skiing hub. Located in the "High Country" in the western mountains of North Carolina. Avery County Chamber of Commerce, 4501 Tynecastle Hwy Unit #2, Banner Elk, NC 28604. Open Monday-Friday from 9-4 and Saturday & Sunday from 12-4. Website: www.averycounty.com (800) 972-2183.

■ BANNER ELK, NC

10 miles north of Parkway on NC 184/194, exit at Milepost 305.2

Milepost 297

JULIAN PRICE MEMORIAL PARK

Julian Price purchased this land as a recreational retreat for his employees after establishing one of the nation's largest insurance companies. After his untimely death in 1946, his heirs left the land to the Blue Ridge Parkway as a memorial to a man who shared the natural beauty of the area with others.

Today, visitors see the rebirth of a hardwood forest on hillsides where lumber companies cut virgin tracts of hemlock, poplar, and chestnut in the early 20th century. According to some, it was the "best boundary of timber in Carolina." Julian Price Memorial Park contains 4,200 acres with elevations ranging from 3,400 feet to nearly 4,000 feet.

Price Park is a haven for relaxation and recreation with the 47-acre Price Lake as its focal point. Visitors enjoy one of the most popular and largest picnic areas on the Parkway, along with camping, boating and fishing on Price Lake, and ample opportunities to explore the mountains on hiking trails. Grandfather Mountain, at 5,946 feet, rises majestically nearby.

The wilderness appeal of forested highlands and cold mountain streams at Price Park welcomes those who want to enjoy the outdoors. The Green Knob Trail, Boone Fork Trail, and Price Lake Trail offer ample hiking opportunities. The Tanawha Trail, perhaps the crowning achievement of all Parkway trails, stretches 13.5 miles from Price Park to Beacon Heights, paralleling the Parkway and rising along the slopes of Grandfather Mountain. A trek along the Tanawha Trail crosses fragile habitats and ecosystems, tunnels through laurel and rhododendron thickets, and crosses many boulder fields and cascading streams.

Whether delighting in the calm waters while driving across the dam, camping, picnicking, or experiencing the Parkway by foot, most visitors will understand why Price Park is one of the most popular of all Parkway stops.

Banner Elk Winery & Inn - Join us for wine tasting and tours Tuesday-Sunday from noon until 6:00. Enjoy our award-winning wines crafted from grapes grown in the High Country. You can stay for an afternoon with a picnic overlooking our pond, vineyards, and chipping & putting golf hole or for a weekend or longer at our exquisite estate inn located at the Winery. We look forward to your visit and are easily located 1 1/2 miles from the stoplight in Banner Elk. www.bannerelkwinery.com (828) 260-1790, (828) 898-9090.

Best Western Mountain Lodge at Banner Elk - Located on Hwy. 184 only 7 miles from Milepost 304. Full service hotel. Seasonal packages. www.bestwesternbannerelk.com or call (877) 877-4553.

Smoketree Lodge - 12 miles south of Boone on Hwy 105. Nestled at the foot of Grandfather Mtn. Studio, one and two bedroom condos equipped with kitchenettes and DVD players. Heated indoor pool, saunas, Jacuzzi and cable TV. www.smoketree-lodge.com (800) 422-1880.

■ SUGAR MTN., NC

8 mi. from Parkway, exit MP 305.1, Hwy 221 S. to 184 N. Enjoy golf, tennis, hiking/biking, scenic lift rides, rafting, skiing, snowboarding, tubing, snowshoeing, and ice skating. Stay for one of our special events like the Shag at Sugar, Oktoberfest or SugarFest. Ample lodging from efficiency to large homes, for information visit www.seesugar.com or call (866) 797-8427.

Sugar Mountain Accommodations & Realty - Dereka's on the corner of Sugar Mountain Drive & Tynecastle Hwy. We offer charming Chalets and Condos. Properties are fully furnished & equipped, many are golf/view/slope-side. Call our friendly reservationist at 800-545-9475 or www.staysugar.com.

Sugar Mountain Resort Accommodations - 3390 Tynecastle Hwy 184 at Sugar Mountain. Fully equipped homes, condos, cabins, on Mtn. Rent by day/wk/mo. Real estate sales. MLS. Book online 24/7. www.staysugarmountain.com (800) 438-4555.

■ BEECH MTN., NC

Cresting at 5,506', Beech Mtn. is the highest town in Eastern America. Summer temps rarely exceed 75 degrees F, creating an ideal climate for hiking, mtn. biking, golf, and tennis. Winters are rich in snowfall, creating ideal ski conditions. Lodging options range from hotels to cabins. www.beechmtn.com

PARKWAY POINTS to Ponder

WILDERNESS AREAS

The Parkway borders five designated U.S. Wildlife Areas in Virginia: James River Face Wilderness; Priest Wilderness; St. Mary's Wilderness; Three Ridges Wilderness and Thunder Ridge Wilderness. In North Carolina the Parkway borders the Linville Gorge Wilderness and Shining Rock Wilderness areas.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Beech Mountain Chalet Rentals - Furnished chalets. Golf, tennis, pool, ski. 1-6 BR. 405 Beech Mtn. Parkway, Beech Mtn. NC 28604. www.skibeechmountainnc.com (800) 368-7404.

■ LINVILLE, NC

3 miles from Parkway on US 221, exit at MP 305.1.

ATTRACTIONS

59th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games - July 10-13, 2014. America's finest gathering of Scottish Clans. Music, dancing, pageantry, athletic & children's events. www.gmhg.org (828) 733-1333.

Grandfather Mountain - Grandfather's lofty heights offer guests opportunities for rejuvenation, excitement and family memories in a natural haven that will endure forever. Marvel at 360-degree views from the Mile High Swinging Bridge, stand eye-to-eye with bears, cougars, otters, eagles and deer in natural habitats and interact with our friendly, knowledgeable staff. Two miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway Viaduct; one mile from Parkway. Take Linville Exit, MP 305 to US 221. Open daily 9-5 (weather permitting in winter). www.grandfather.com Phone (828) 733-4337 or (800) 468-7325.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Pixie Motor Inn - Intersection of NC 105 and US 221. 25 Grade A units. Electric heat. Grade A Cafe nearby. Color television. Free ice for cooler. Air conditioned. (828) 733-2597.

The River Dog Coffeehouse & Cafe - World-class coffee and espresso, gourmet sandwiches, salads, breakfast served in Old Linville lodge atmosphere. Wireless internet. Linville Village, 3.8 mi. frm Pkwy, U.S. 221 S. (828) 733-9333.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Everything Scottish - 3 miles on 221. Open every day all year. Scottish imports with bagpipes, kilts, jewelry, books, music & more. www.everythingscottish.com (888) 606-KILT.



Hiking in the Crabtree Falls area

Avery County, NC

Avery County, North Carolina, located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains welcomes fun seekers of all ages. Experience our distinct four seasons. We are Home to the world famous Woolly Worm Festival, one of the top 10 fall festivals. Ski the highest summits of the South at our 3 state of the art ski resorts, Appalachian Ski Mountain, Beech Mountain Resort and Sugar Mountain Resort. Activities abound year round including hiking, biking, rafting, tubing, horseback riding, antiquing, fine art festivals, art galleries and more. Cross the mile high bridge at Grandfather Mountain, explore the Civil War Trail, swim, fish and canoe at beautiful Wildcat Lake or take a thrilling ride on a zipline. Visit the Blue Ridge Parkway, America's favorite scenic drive, or see the majestic mountains from the comfort of a trolley tour while visiting our award winning wineries. Visit Newland the highest county seat east of the Mississippi and celebrate our rich mountain heritage. Shop and dine in beautiful downtown Banner Elk and enjoy true Southern hospitality. Avery County offers a variety of lodging and dining to satisfy any taste and budget. Live the dream, Avery County is a sought after place to live work and play. From our top notch schools and colleges to our entrepreneurial spirit, why live anywhere else?

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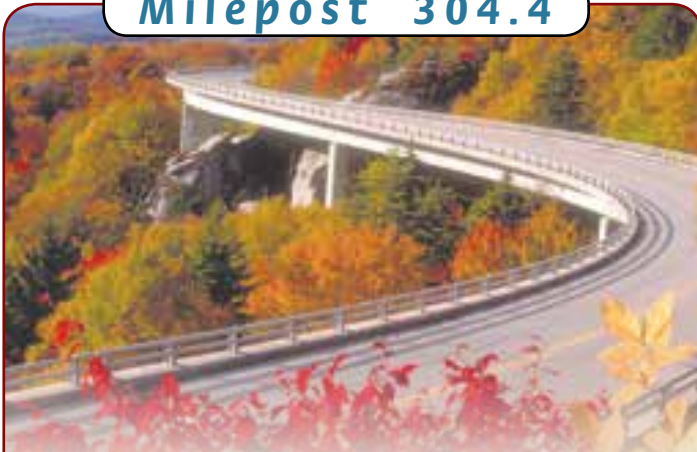
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LINN COVE VIADUCT

A seven mile unfinished section of the Blue Ridge Parkway was delayed for twenty years as environmentalists, adjacent landowners, engineers, and architects put their skills together on how to preserve the scenic and fragile environment on the slopes of Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina. The resulting Linn Cove Viaduct is a symbol of pride to landscape architects and engineers for its marriage of beauty with utility and habitat protection.

Visitors here will gain an appreciation for the relationship between the building of the Linn Cove Viaduct and the overall Parkway design and engineering, as well as its role in protecting the fragile habitat on Grandfather Mountain.

From the first explosion of colorful wildflowers in the spring to the refreshing coolness of summer to the fall extravaganza of color to the beauty of snow covered peaks in winter, each season provides the traveler with a completely different Parkway experience.

308.2 Flat Rock Parking Area. Self-guiding nature trail to superb view of Linville Valley and Grandfather Mountain.

■ NEWLAND, NC

8 miles north of Spruce Pine off 19E, exit at Milepost 305.1.

Secluded Valley RV Campground - 8 miles North of Spruce Pine on 19E. 5 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 317. 30 & 50 amp full hookups, children & pets welcome, level & spacious sites. www.secludedvalleyrvcampground.com (828) 765-4810.

■ PINEOLA, NC

2 miles north of Parkway on US 221, exit at Milepost 305.1 or 312.

Christa's Country Corner - General store, deli, ice cream, clothing and gifts. Choose and cut Christmas trees. Straight across from Entrance/Exit. Mile Marker 312 Morganton - Pineola Exit. (828) 733-3353.

Down by the River Campground - 292 River Campground Rd. At MP 312, Right on Hwy 181 North, 1 mile down on left. 30 & 50 amp service, hot showers, spacious, level sites, laundry. (May-Oct.) www.downbytherivercampground.com (828) 733-5057.

Pineola Inn - US 221 3 mi. S of Linville. 1.5 mi off Milepost 312. 40 rooms, clean, reasonable rates, AC, CATV, microfridges, log cabins, honeymoon suites with Jacuzzis, cross country skiing, sales & rentals. www.Pineolalnn.com (828) 733-4979 or 733-2008.

312

NC 181 Crossover, 32 miles southeast to Morganton, 2 mi. north to Pineola.

■ CROSSNORE, NC

6 miles south of Linville off Hwy 221, exit at Milepost 305.9 or 312.

Crossnore Weavers & Gallery - "A working museum." Traditional hand woven textiles produced since 1920. Open Mon-Sat. Off Hwy 221 in Crossnore. (800) 374-4660. www.crossnoreweavers.org

316.3

Linville Falls. Visitor Center. Campground and For camping reservations www.recreation.gov.

316.4

Linville River Parking Area. One of the Parkway's largest stone arch bridges. Three spans of 80 feet each. Fish in Linville River. Picnic area. Comfort Station. Alt. 3,250. Take Spur Rd. to Linville Falls, campground and visitor center.

317.4

US 221 Crossover. South 1 mi. to Linville Falls community. 24 mi. to Marion.



Fall color transforms the landscape.

■ LINVILLE FALLS, NC

1 mile south of Parkway on US 221, exit at MP 317.4.

ATTRACTIONS

Linville Caverns - North Carolina's only show caverns. Open daily March thru November, Dec.-Jan.-Feb. weekends only. Courteous, experienced guides, outstanding gift shop. Located on US 221 between Linville and Marion, just 4 miles south of the Parkway-Exit Parkway at Milepost 317.4. Turn left on US 221 toward Linville Falls and Marion. Email: info@linvillecaverns.com (800) 419-0540. www.linvillecaverns.com

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Cross Creek Cabins - 5 cozy log cabins, 2 mi. from MP 315. Open all year. Pet friendly. Ponds, creek, walk to Linville Falls & gorge. www.crosscreekcabins.com (828) 765-9701.

The Inn At Blue Ridge - MP 317.4 - 5 mi South on Hwy 221. A beautiful Bed & Breakfast. 12 large rooms with fireplace, refrigerator, private deck & adjacent to golf course. www.theinnatblueridge.com (828) 756-7001 toll free (866) 756-7001.

Linville Falls Lodge & Cottages - MP 317.4, US 221S, left 1 mile to Rt. 183. Restaurant (ABC permit), Walk to falls & gorge. www.linvillefallsdodge.com (800) 634-4421.

Linville Falls Trailer Lodge & Campground - Milepost 317, left (south) on US 221, 500 ft. Beautifully shaded, full hookup sites. Separate wooded tent area. Cabin, trailer rental. Hot showers, playground, laundry. May 1-Nov. 1. www.linvillefalls.com (828) 765-2681. Winter # (318) 461-9899 or (318) 645-4704.

Linville Falls Winery - Come enjoy the High Country's premier wine experience. Just 1/2 mi. off the BRP, exit MP 317 on US 221 N. Daily Tours and Tasting noon - 6pm. www.LinvilleFallsWinery.com (828) 765-1400.

Parkview Cabin - Romantic getaway two bedroom cabin with fireplace, & Jacuzzi. Full kitchen. Private mountain location. Wrap around deck with scenic views. (828) 765-4787.

Parkview Lodge - Milepost 317.4, 500 ft. south of Parkway on US 221. Private guest rooms, 1 bedroom suite, & secluded cabins available. TV, swimming pool, crafts, wine & beer shop. Free breakfast with guest room. Open all year. www.parkviewlodge.com (828) 765-4787.

320.7 **Chestoa View** offers an unusually fine view from one of the many vertical cliffs on Humpback Mountain.

PARKWAY POINTS to Ponder



BEAVERS

When European explorers first traveled through the Southern Appalachians, beavers inhabited virtually every stream and river. Their engineering efforts provided food, shelter and safe habitat for other species. When fur traders trapped the last beaver in the late 1800s, a vital component of the mountains' natural ecosystem was eliminated. Beavers were reintroduced during the 1930s-1950s and have increased the biological diversity in many Parkway areas. Management efforts by park staff are aimed at protecting the role of the beaver and maintaining the recreational opportunities for visitors.

Bear Den Campground - Blue Ridge Parkway @ MP 324.8. 400 acres, 144 sites. Tents to RV's. Campin' cabins. Apr-Oct 31. 600 Bear Den Mtn. Rd., Spruce Pine, NC 28777. www.bear-den.com (828) 765-2888.

Creek Side Cabins - Blue Ridge Pkwy MP 324.8. Fully furnished with all amenities including Jacuzzi, fireplace. Cabins for 2-10 guests. Open yr. round. www.bear-den.com (828) 765-2888.

■ MARION, NC

24 miles from Parkway via US 221, exit at Milepost 317.4.

Buck Hill Campground - Hwy 19E, 8 mi. from BRP on Toe River, panoramic mtn views, trout fishing, Wi-Fi, laundry, bath houses. www.buckhillrvcampground.com (828) 766-6162.

Sarah's Song Cabin - near Pkwy, 3 mi. to beautiful Lake James. TV, DVD, WiFi, fireplace, huge front porch, grill, rocking chairs, full kitchen/bath. Sleeps 2+++. www.sarahssongcabin.com (828) 659-2879.

Tom Johnson Camping Center - Quick Parkway access. Full service RV sales, service, parts, camping. www.TomJohnsonCamping.com or (800) 225-7802.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park - Marion, NC. Family fun! RV sites, tent sites, and cabins. www.jellystonemarion.com (828) 652-7208.

LINVILLE FALLS

The English botanist Mark Catesby observed, described, and sketched the natural world of the Blue Ridge for seven years in the eighteenth century. His particular interest was the extensive network of streams and rivers arising along the mountains and gathering volume and speed as they descended to the coastal plain and beyond.

"The larger rivers in Carolina and Virginia," he wrote, "have their sources in the Appalachian Mountains, generally springing from rocks, and forming cascades and waterfalls... uniting into single streams... innumerable brooks and rivulets, all which contribute to form and supply the large rivers." Here at Linville Falls, Catesby's descriptions become real for the Parkway visitor.

The Linville River flows from its beginning point high on the steep slopes of Grandfather Mountain and cascades through two falls as it begins a nearly 2,000 foot descent through a rugged and spectacularly beautiful gorge. The Cherokee knew this river as "Eeseeh" or "river of cliffs," and a hike into the gorge leaves no doubt about the origin of the name.

Towering hemlocks, dense stands of rhododendron and native wildflowers grow along the trails that encircle the falls. Little wonder this is one of the Parkway's top destinations. And what awaits the visitor who hikes down from the visitor center at Linville? A forested gorge of virgin timber stands as pristine and primitive as in the days when only Native Americans called this place home. The aquatic and forest ecology and the unique geological stories told here make a visit special.

In the early days of Parkway planning, under the shade of a hemlock tree above the falls, philanthropist John D. Rockefeller was treated to a fine picnic lunch and convinced of the necessity of protecting this piece of Appalachian scenery. The lunch was spread out within earshot of sawmills that had already begun timbering the area. After some months of negotiations, Mr. Rockefeller agreed to "pick up the tab" for the Linville Falls property, ensuring protection for Parkway visitors today.

We may not immediately think of the Blue Ridge Parkway as a park rich in water resources. But from Native Americans to colonial botanists and 21st century tourists, the waterways and streams of the Blue Ridge have played a vital role in the overall ecology and unsurpassed beauty of our region. The Blue Ridge Parkway, like all national parks, is set aside to protect these special parts of our world.

■ McDOWELL COUNTY, NC

Welcome to our spectacular region of the Blue Ridge Parkway between Linville Falls and Crabtree Falls, Mileposts 316 to 344. Visit the unique community of Little Switzerland with gem mines, shopping, museum and the Orchard at Altapass, MP 328.3. Explore our hiking, cycling and waterfall trails, trout streams, caverns, Lake James, gold mines and golf courses or find adventure canoeing, boating, swimming or bird watching. You'll also enjoy discovering our towns of Marion and Old Fort where you'll find unique lodging properties, fun events, arts and craft sites, shops and more online or call us for information. www.ncblueridge.org (877) 337-6756.

The Altapass Orchard - MP 328, Family fun, storytelling, hayrides, free music - Sat, Sun, Wed-Friday, fudge, ice cream, gifts, apples, books, crafts, seasonal 5/15 - 10/31. (888) 765-9531.

331 NC 226 Crossover. 6 mi. north to Spruce Pine. 14 mi. south to Marion.

331 Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail - Commemorates the campaign leading up to the American victory at Kings Mountain in 1780. Route crosses the Blue Ridge Parkway at Gillespie Gap, near the Mineral Museum. Administered by the National Park Service. www.nps.gov/ovvi.

■ PENLAND, NC

8 miles north of Parkway via NC 226N, exit at Milepost 331.

Penland Gallery - At Penland School of Crafts in Mitchell County, featuring contemporary craft and information about area studios. Open Tues-Sun from early March to mid-Dec. Exit Parkway at US 226; follow 226N 7.5 miles; turn onto Penland Rd; follow signs to Penland School. Call (828) 765-6211.



Linville Falls



Museum of North Carolina Minerals. Image courtesy NPS

■ MITCHELL COUNTY, NC

Exit Milepost 331. Gem mining, gem & mineral shops, Gem & Mineral Festival, Rhododendron Festival, whitewater rafting, Appalachian Trail/Roan Mountain, Penland School of Crafts, NC's largest indoor recreational facility. For accommodations, event dates & attractions, contact: Chamber of Commerce, 79 Parkway Rd., Spruce Pine, NC 28777. Email: info@mitchell-county.com. Web site: www.mitchell-county.com (828) 765-9483 or (800) 227-3912.

■ SPRUCE PINE, NC

6 miles north of Parkway via NC 226, exit at Milepost 331.

ATTRACTIONS

Museum of North Carolina Minerals - Junction of Parkway & NC 226. Features minerals found in North Carolina and regional geology. Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce office. Restrooms. Open daily year-round.

Gem Mountain - 13780 Hwy. 226S 1 mile from Parkway MP 331. Open March-December Monday-Saturday. As seen on the Learning and Travel channels. Gem mine rain or shine. www.gemmountain.com Call (888) 817-5829.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Peak Mountain Cottages & Retreat Center - On 300 acres 7 miles N of Pkwy. Room to play or relax. Hiking trails, clear mtn streams. 460 Rabbit Hop Rd near Penland. Individuals, families or groups up to 25. www.peakmountaincottages.com (828) 765-9559.

Pine Valley Motel - Clean, modern, rooms, apt. 42 unit - all first floor, micro/fridge in rooms. 4 mi on NC 226N from MP 331 - Mineral Museum. Laundromat on site, wireless internet. Open all year. www.pinevalleymotel.com (866) 671-2246.

Richmond Inn Bed and Breakfast - 51 Pine Ave. MP 331 - 5 miles from Parkway in Spruce Pine. Eight comfortable guest rooms each with private bath and TV. Open year round. Top Trip Advisor status. www.richmondinn.us or (828) 765-6993.

Springmaid Mountain Campground/Cabins - Retreat, horses/tubing/fishing. 7 mi N of MP 331 @ 2171 Henredon Rd. Year round. www.springmaidmountain.com (888) 297-0725.

Spruce Pine Campground - MP 331. Full hook-ups, long term only (2 weeks or more, self contained units only). PO Box 354, Spruce Pine, NC. www.sprucepinecampground.com (828) 765-7007.

Stuart's on the Green - MP 331. 3 mi. N 226, Grassy Creek. Lunch, dinner, Sunday Brunch, golf course views, bar. Open Tues-Sun. www.stuartsonthegreen.com (828) 765-6589.

SHOPPING

Blue Ridge Soap Shed - See soap made. Enjoy 130 Varieties of handmade soap in retail shop. Open 10-5 Mon-Sat, April-December. 6/10th mi. from Parkway MP 331 on NC 226N toward Spruce Pine@179 Meadow View Rd. Web orders welcome year-round. Visit www.soapshed.com or call (828) 765-6001.

317.4 US 221 Crossover. South 1 mi. to Linville Falls community. 24 mi. to Marion.



Turks Cap Lily

LITTLE SWITZERLAND, NC

Just off Parkway on Rt. 226A, exit at Milepost 334.

ATTRACTIONS

Emerald Village - 3 miles from Parkway at Little Switzerland. Gem mining, gold panning, mine tours, waterfall, free exhibits, real mines, fun shopping! NC's Gem! www.emeraldvillage.com (828) 765-6463.



Roads designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation are considered part of the America's Byways collection.

To receive an All-American Road designation, as the Blue Ridge Parkway, a road must possess multiple intrinsic qualities that are nationally significant, and contain one-of-a-kind features that do not exist elsewhere.

The road must also be considered a "destination unto itself." That is, the road must provide an exceptional traveling experience so recognized by travelers that the primary reason for their trip would be to drive along the Byway.

For more information on the National Scenic Byways program contact: 1-800-4BYWAYS, option 3 or at www.byways.org.

Alpine Inn - Authentic mountain inn with unsurpassed views. Breakfast optional. All rooms with spectacular views and private baths. WiFi. Open April-Nov. Reasonable rates! Exit MP 334, Little Switzerland. Right on 226A, 1 mi. www.alpineinnnc.com (828) 765-5380.

Switzerland Cafe & General Store - Hwy 226A, Milepost 334. Open 7 days. Imported beers, wines & cheeses, picnic supplies, T-shirts, crafts. www.switzerlandcafe.com (828) 765-5289

Switzerland Inn & Chalet Restaurant - Located directly on Parkway. Established in 1910. Variety of accommodations including mountain view suites, cottages & rooms in the main lodge. Chalet Restaurant serves three meals daily. Gracious casual atmosphere with old world charm. Tennis, golf privileges, swimming, fire pit, unique shops on property. Milepost 334. PO Box 399, Little Switzerland, NC 28749. www.switzerlandinn.com (828) 765-2153 (800) 654-4026.

Timberline Vacation Rentals - 2-12 guests. Near Blue Ridge Pkwy. Great views. Fully furnished. Pets welcome. www.TimberlineNC.com (800) 321-4342.



McDowell County, NC

Explore our Blue Ridge Parkway communities between Linville Falls and Crabtree Falls, Milepost 316 to 344, including the Orchard at Altapass and Little Switzerland. Take the scenic route to Marion, where you'll stroll the streets enjoying local eateries, arts/crafts and vintage shopping. Old Fort's railroad museum, c. 1881 is a favorite, along with seasonal events at Mountain Gateway Museum.

Plan to visit our boutique vineyards at South Creek Winery and Belle Nicho Winery, both located in the Lake James region. Follow the spectacular outdoor McDowell Quilt Trail, through scenic hillsides and back roads. Don't miss the retail shop and gallery inside the McDowell Arts Council, the Arrowhead Arts Gallery or seasonal sales with the Artisans League of Little Switzerland. Events, locations, lodging and directions are online.

Gold, gems and other mountain treasures are less than 2 hours from Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Charlotte and Greenville/Spartanburg!

Don't Miss:

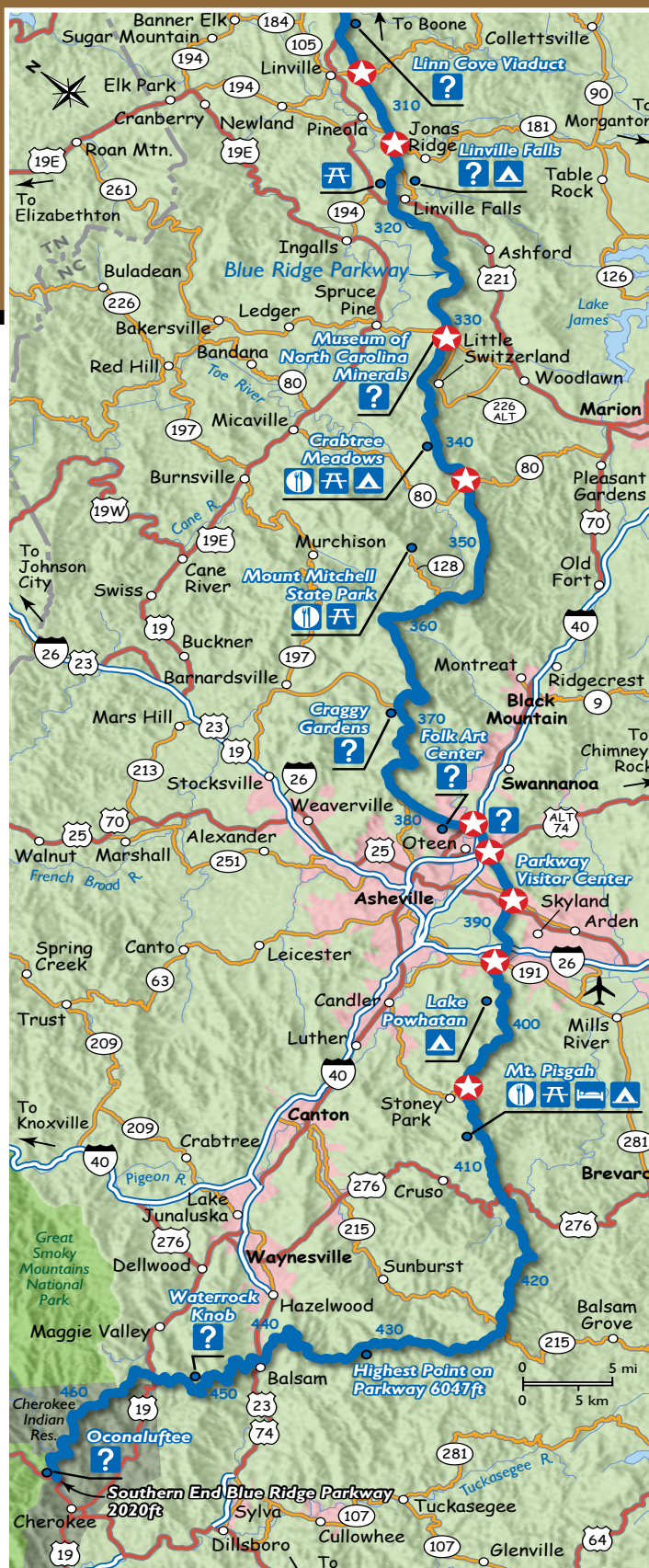
- Linville Caverns
- Curtis Creek Recreation Area
- Point Lookout Trail (Bike or Hike)
- Historic Carson House
- South Creek Vineyard
- Catawba Falls
- Pristine Trout Streams
- Belle Nicho Winery and Orchard at Altapass
- 2 State Parks at Lake James
- Mountain Gateway Museum
- Davidson's Fort
- Catawba River Greenway



877-337- 6754 | www.blueridgedrives.org

Blue Ridge Parkway Pisgah Region:

Milepost 340, Crabtree Falls to
Milepost 469, Cherokee, NC



MAP KEY: Refer to page 13 for explanation of symbols

339.5

Crabtree Falls. 250 acres. Hiking, camping, comfort station, drinking water, information, Wi-Fi. 40 minute walk to Crabtree Falls.

340.4

Crabtree Falls picnic area.

344

Buck Creek Gap, NC 80 Crossover. North 16 mi. to Burnsville, south 16 miles to Marion.

BURNSVILLE, NC

Enjoy small town charm with *Bed & Breakfasts, inns, handmade crafts, shops, summer theatre, golf, hiking, camping, musical events & festivals on Burnsville's Town Square.*
www.yanceychamber.com (800) 948-1632.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Albert's Inn - 76 S Toe River Road, 2 miles N of BRP, MP 344. Comfortable rooms with spectacular views of the Black Mtns.
www.AlbertsMotel.com (828) 675-4691.

Black Mountain & Briar Bottom - 46 primitive sites/6 group sites. 50 Black Mountain Campground Rd., Burnsville, NC. Enjoy fly fishing, swimming, & tubing. www.cfaia.org (877) 444-6777.

Carolina Hemlocks Recreation Area - 31 campsites. 6000 Hwy. 80 South, Burnsville, NC. Some sites with river access, near Mt. Mitchell. www.cfaia.org (877) 444-6777.

Toe River Campground - 225 Patience Park Rd. M.P. 344 - Apprx. 10 miles North on Hwy. 80. Family campground on South Toe River. toeriver@yanceycountync.gov
www.toerivercampground.com (828) 675-5104.

SHOPPING & RECREATION

Mount Mitchell Golf Club - 18-hole public course. Full service clubhouse. 2 mi from Pkwy MP 344. Vacation rentals.
www.mountmitchellgolf.com (828) 675-4923.

Something Special Gift Shop - Downtown Burnsville. A unique shop in a country store setting. One block from picturesque town square. Mon-Sat 9-6. (828) 682-9101

355.4 NC 128. To Mount Mitchell State Park. Highest Peak in Eastern U.S.A., Observation Tower, Tent Camping Area, Trails, Nature Study, Picnic Area, Natural History Museum, Restaurant. (May-October).

Milepost 364

CRAGGY GARDENS

The name here is appropriate - Craggy Gardens. Twisted, jagged, rocky "craggs" give the place its name, but these high elevation summits are home to the most spectacular floral display along the 469 mile Parkway corridor. For generations, visitors have headed for the Craggies in mid to late June, typically the prime time for viewing the pink and purple blooms of Catawba rhododendrons that blanket much of the area.

In addition to the "rhodies," the Craggies turn red in the fall with a spectacular show of mountain ash berries that can cast a scarlet glow over the entire area. The same species dominates parts of the highlands of Scotland as well and "craggy" is a term that many of the early settlers brought from their homeland to describe the rugged Blue Ridge.

High elevations such as Craggy Gardens yield an abundance of wildflowers and rare plants. From a distance, treeless areas such as the craggies appear bare and have become known as "balds." There are two types of appalachian balds... grassy and heath. The former are dominated by grasses, wildflowers and occasional members of the heath family. Heath balds are typically home to low growing rhododendron, mountain laurel, blueberries and flame Azalea. Although these balds are disappearing for reasons that are unclear, both can still be found at the craggies. Because of the presence of rare and endangered plants, easily damaged by careless hikers, please stay on the trails - for their safety and for your own!

Harsh weather can invade these exposed, high elevation ridgetops, resulting in the gnarled forests of twisted beech, birch, and buckeye. At 5,500 feet elevation, weather conditions here are severe. Strong winds, ice storms, and the short growing season dwarf and twist anything that dares to grow here.

With or without warning, severe weather can come to the Craggies, so always be prepared for colder temperatures and high winds.

364.4 Craggy Gardens Visitor Center. Information, exhibits, publications. (May-October) Trails.

367.6 Spur to Craggy Gardens. Picnic area, Comfort Station, trails.

376.6 NC 694, Ox Creek Road. Scenic Elk Mountain Highway. 8 miles to Weaverville. 7 miles to Asheville.

WEAVERVILLE, NC

10 miles north of Asheville on US 19-23.

Dry Ridge Inn B&B - A relaxed small town B&B. 10 minutes from downtown Asheville, the Biltmore, and the Parkway. www.dryridgeinn.com (800) 839-3899.

Ox-Ford Farm B&B Inn - Original working mountain farm on National Historic Register. Cattle, sheep, poultry. Very private, beautiful location. Great breakfast. 2 mi. MP 375 (828) 658-2500.

377.4 NC 694. Town Mountain Road. 7 Miles to Asheville.

BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC

"The Front Porch of WNC." Unique craft shops, large antique malls, Old Depot Craft Center, Bed & Breakfasts, variety of restaurants. Hiking, biking trails, camping, festivals, nightly music clubs. Chamber of Commerce, 201 E. State St. (828) 669-2300.

Carolina Foam Fabric & Home Decor - I-40 Exit 64 behind Pizza Hut, 5 miles east of Parkway on I-40. Area's largest selection of quilter's fabric, upholstery and drapery fabric. (828) 669-2400.

Lake Eden Events & Lodging - Just 15 minutes off the Parkway, we have several pet and family friendly options here at Lake Eden. www.lakeedenevents.com (855) 525-3336.

Town Hardware & General Store - Three historic buildings full of old-fashioned tools, toys and housewares plus lots more. Open 7 days/wk. 103 W. State Street, Black Mountain. www.townhardware.com (828) 669-7723.

382.0 Folk Art Center - Parkway information station, publications. Headquarters of Southern Highland Craft Guild, craft sales, demonstrations and exhibits, interpretive talks and other programs, conferences, craft library, auditorium and Guild offices. Hours: Daily 9-5. Hours extended in summer. (handicapped friendly).

382.6 Junction Parkway and US 70. West 1 mi. to Oteen, 5 mi. to Asheville. East 10 mi. to Black Mountain.

Blue Ridge Parkway Headquarters is located just off the Parkway at Milepost 383. Information may be obtained by writing to this address: 199 Hemphill Knob Rd, Asheville, NC 28803 or calling (828) 298-0398. Detailed information may be found on the National Park Service's Parkway Web Site at www.nps.gov/blri. Brochures also available in French, German & Spanish.

Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center - Information desk, museum quality exhibits, a 22-foot interactive map and a dramatic 24-minute Parkway movie. Open daily 9-5. www.blueridgeheritage.com (828) 298-5330.

US 74A Crossover. West 3 mi. to Asheville. East to Chimney Rock, Bat Cave, Gerton, and Lake Lure.

■ CHIMNEY ROCK & GERTON, NC

25 miles SE of Asheville on US 64/74A, exit at Milepost 384.7.

ATTRACTIONS

Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park - the best of the NC mountains in one place. Stunning 75-mile views over Lake Lure, several unique hiking trails and geological features such as Devil's Head and the Opera Box, a 26-story elevator built inside the mountain, a 404 foot waterfall. Pet friendly. Just 25 mi. SE of Asheville, NC. www.chimneyrockpark.com (800) 277-9611.

FOOD, LODGING, & RECREATION

Chimney Rock Inn - Cozy rooms, private cottages with full kitchens. Jacuzzis, fireplaces, heated pool, beautiful gardens riverside. www.chimneyrockinn.net (800) 625-2003.

Hickory Nut Falls Family Campground - Tent, pop up, TR & MH. W&S 15 & 30 amp. Gm/Ld rm, hot showers. Apr-Oct. PO Box 97, Chimney Rock, NC. www.hickorynutfallsfamilycampground.com (828) 625-4014.

Valley Court Riverside Motel - King beds, A/C, heat, ceiling fans, private balcony over river and view of Chimney Rock Park. www.valleycourt.net (828) 625-4166.

■ LAKE LURE, NC

28 miles southeast of Asheville on US 74A, exit at Milepost 384.7.

Fox Run Townhouses - Lake Lure. Townhouses with full kitchens, fireplaces, washer/dryers and Jacuzzi tubs, golf, tennis and water activities. www.8664myvacation.com (866) 469-8222.

PARKWAY POINTS to Ponder

HOW GEOGRAPHY DEFINES US

Modern residents may not give much thought to the geography of a region, except when it comes to going up or down the mountains. Historically, however, Native Americans and European settlers were much more aware of the geographical features of the landscape that determined settlement patterns and sometimes survival. Gaps in the mountains, fertile bottomlands along rivers, well-protected coves and hollows, the rugged and sometimes inaccessible east-facing slope of the Blue Ridge, all of these became factors that determined where towns developed and roads were planned.

Lodge on Lake Lure - 17 rooms with lake views & lake access, private balconies, fireplaces. The only Lodge actually on Lake Lure! Includes a full breakfast each morning. www.lodgeonlakelure.com (800) 733-2785.

■ RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NC

Chimney Rock, Lake Lure, Rutherfordton, Forest City, Spindale - Small town America. Scenic mountain beauty in rural setting. Golf, tennis, hiking, swimming, camping, shopping. Lodging information call (800) 849-5998 www.rutherfordtourism.com.

■ ASHEVILLE, NC

This mountain resort city at Milepost 382.6 of the Blue Ridge Parkway beckons lovers of festivals, the outdoors, fine restaurants, distinctive shopping, and Biltmore Estate, a 250-room French Renaissance chateau. The Visitors Center at Exit 4C off I-240 is open every day, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. M-F and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekends. www.exploreasheville.com (828) 258-6101.

ATTRACTIONS

Biltmore Estate - Enjoy once-in-a-lifetime experiences at Biltmore in Asheville, NC. Explore our refuge from the everyday at America's largest home®, magnificent gardens, winery, farm, restaurants, and shops. For a complete escape, relax in luxurious comfort at our Four-Star Inn on Biltmore Estate®, the only accommodations on estate grounds. Open daily. Annual events include: Festival of Flowers; Summer Evening Concerts; Flower Carpet; Christmas at Biltmore; and Candlelight Christmas Evenings. Located on US 25, just north of the Parkway and I-40. Plan your getaway online at www.biltmore.com or call 1-877-BILTMORE.

The North Carolina Arboretum - Entrance at MP 393. Renowned gardens, hiking & biking trails and engaging exhibitions. www.ncarboretum.org (828) 665-2492.

WNC Farmers Market - 570 Brevard Rd. Asheville Exit 47 I-40. Exit 33 I-26. Open daily. Enjoy local produce, crafts, plants and restaurant. FREE. www.wncfarmersmarket.org (828) 253-1691.

WNC Nature Center - MP 382.6, 75 Gashes Creek Rd. 60+ native species of the Southern Appalachians. Cougars, bears, otters, red wolves & more! 10-5 daily. www.wncnaturecenter.com (828) 298-5600.

FINE ARTS & CRAFTS

Bellagio Art-to-Wear - showcases exquisite collections of distinctive clothing, jewelry and decorative accessories by acclaimed American artists in an opulent boutique setting. This gallery is located steps away from its sister gallery, New Morning Gallery. 5 Biltmore Plaza, Exit Milepost 388.8. For more info www.bellagioarttowear.com; e-mail: bellagioart2wear@bellsouth.net (800) 933-4438.

Blue Spiral 1 - presents contemporary Southeastern fine art and crafts through over 25 annual exhibitions in a stunning three-level, 14,00 sq. ft. setting. The gallery features the work of one hundred regional artists. This spacious gallery is located in downtown Asheville, one block South of Pack Square. 38 Biltmore Ave; Exit Milepost 388.8. E-mail: info@bluespiral1.com. For more info (828) 251-0202 www.bluespiral1.com.

Folk Art Center - Milepost 382. Home facility of the Southern Highland Craft Guild. Features craft shop of regional crafts, 3 exhibition galleries, daily craft demonstrations, special events. Parkway information and bookstore. National Park Service programs during season. Open daily 9-6 April-Dec; 9-5 Jan-March. Web site: www.southernhighlandguild.org (828) 298-7928.

Grand Bohemian Art Gallery - This unique gallery showcases over 100 works of art by local, regional & internationally recognized artists designed to inspire the collector in all of us. Located in Biltmore Village. (888) 717-8756.

New Morning Gallery - A fine crafts destination for over 30 years, offers a unique selection of hand-crafted furniture, home accessories, pottery, glass, jewelry, garden sculpture and other imaginative gifts by American artisans in a 12,500 sq. ft. setting. The gallery is located in Historic Biltmore Village, two blocks from Biltmore Estate's entrance. 7 Boston Way; Exit Milepost 388.8. e-mail: newmorning@bellsouth.net; For more info: (800) 933-4438 www.newmorninggallerync.com.

Southern Highland Craft Gallery - featuring fine regional crafts. 26 Lodge St., Biltmore Village, Asheville, NC. www.craftguild.org (828) 277-6222.

Stuart Nye Hand Wrought Jewelry - World famous handcrafters of sterling, copper & brass jewelry. Visitors may see craftsmen at work Monday thru Friday 8:00-11:30 & 12:30-3:30. 1 mile west of Parkway on US 70 at 940 Tunnel Rd. No charge. Web: www.stuartnye.com



36 Montford Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 258-6101

Asheville, NC

Discover Asheville's distinctive style and vibrant culture.

The draw of Asheville is unmistakable. With its art, architecture and cuisine, it beckons visitors to discover something that you just can't find anywhere else. It's a mix of mountain and modern. Of classic and country. Of the elegant and the unexpected. It's a place of natural and man-made beauty, both waiting to inspire you.

Spend a night or two in Asheville's eclectic and artsy downtown area where you can enjoy easy access to one-of-a-kind shops and restaurants. Stop by the Asheville Visitor Center, located at 36 Montford Avenue, to purchase Biltmore tickets, local souvenirs, jump on a trolley for a guided tour of the area, or take out a Segway for an afternoon of discovery on your own. Take advantage of nearby whitewater rafting and ziplines to maximize your adventure.

Asheville offers you a chance to enrich your life through a rhythm and style that's as unique as you are. It's an invitation to experience something more.

Plan your overnight stay today.

877-GO-TO-AVL
exploreasheville.com

Blue Ridge National Heritage Area - Protecting, preserving & celebrating one of the most beautiful regions on earth, and the cultural heritage of those who shaped its history & traditions. Located in the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center, 195 Hemphill Knob Rd. www.blueridgeheritage.com (828) 298-5330.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Asheville Biltmore Fairfield Inn & Suites - Left onto 191, less than 2 miles on your left. Complimentary hot breakfast, Wi-Fi, and indoor pool. www.ashevillebiltmorefairfieldinn.com.

Asheville Cabins of Willow Winds - 25 Luxury cabins, 38 acres adjacent to B.R. Parkway & Mountain to Sea Trail. www.ashevillecabins.com (800) 235-2474.

Asheville East KOA Campground - 6 1/2 miles from Parkway. Go east on Hwy 70. Camping Kabins, lodges, RV & tent sites. 2 fishing lakes, pool, trout stream on 55 acres. Open year-round. www.ashevilleeastkoa.com (828) 686-3121 or (800) 562-5907.

Asheville West KOA - New Owners, New Attitude, New Fun! I-40 Exit 37, Minutes to Biltmore House, Gem Mining, River Rafting, Music, Arts & Crafts - Full Hookups, Tents & Kabins. (800) 562-9015.

Baymont Inn Biltmore - I-40 Exit 50 or 50B. Near Biltmore Estate & Biltmore Village. 2 miles north from Blue Ridge Parkway on US 25. Indoor pool & spa. Free Cont. Breakfast. AAA, AARP. (828) 274-2022 or toll free (800) 337-0550.

Bear Creek RV Park - Exit Rt. 191 from Parkway; I-40 Exit 47; or I-26 Exit 2. 3 miles north of Parkway off Rt. 191. 5 mins. Biltmore House. 90 full hookups, paved sites, pool, laundry. Open year round. www.ashevillebearcreek.com (800) 833-0798.

Bent Creek Lodge - 10 Parkway Crs. MP 394, Exit for NC Arboretum then 1/2 mile south on 191. Elegantly rustic lodge, mt. views, comfy beds, hiking trails, fireplace & great breakfast. 10 mi. to Asheville. www.bentcreekncc.com (877) 231-6574.

Campfire Lodgings - 7 mi. from dwtn. Asheville. Mtn. top camping, full service RV sites, yurts & cliff house. Open year-round. www.campfirelodgings.com (828) 658-8012.

Carolina Mornings - A cabin changes everything! Experience the true essence of luxury in Asheville. Fido welcome! www.CarolinaMornings.com/BRP (877) 929-4187.

Chestnut Street Inn - 176 East Chestnut Street. Come see why everyone loves us! Special Week Day rates. 1905 Grand Colonial Revival home, made from scratch breakfast, walk to downtown Asheville's restaurants, boutiques, galleries. www.chestnutstreetinn.com (828) 285-0705.

Country Inn & Suites - 199 Tunnel Road. 3 miles from Parkway. 100% non-smoking, indoor pool & spa, free hot breakfast, 1 mile from downtown. (828) 254-4311.



Blue Ridge National Heritage Area

Learn about the beautiful and authentic natural and cultural heritage of the North Carolina mountains and foothills with a visit to the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center near Asheville, at Milepost 384. Here you can get personal guidance and information from both park rangers and the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area's regional information desk.

The LEED certified gold building is worth a visit in itself, with museum-quality exhibits, a 22-foot interactive map of the entire Parkway, and a free, award-winning 24-minute movie in high definition with surround sound that will introduce you with stunning video to this remarkable region. The gift shop offers guidebooks, CDs, children's goods, souvenirs and products from the region.

The Blue Ridge National Heritage Area—protecting, preserving and celebrating one of the most beautiful regions on Earth and the cultural heritage of the people who shaped its history and traditions.

Start your journey through the lush green forests and mystical blue mountains of the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area at the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center.

Blue Ridge National Heritage Area
Offices at the Blue Ridge Parkway
Visitor Center
195 Hemphill Knob Road
Asheville, NC 28803

828-298-5330

www.blueridgeheritage.com



PARKWAY POINTS *to Ponder*

ISOLATED OR CONNECTED?

Places on the Parkway today that seem remote, containing only one or two buildings, were sometimes connected to communities off of the mountains by well-traveled roads. "Turnpikes" or toll roads were built across the mountains during the 1840s and 1850s. Especially in Virginia's portion of the Blue Ridge, which is very narrow, these roads connected the fertile Shenandoah Valley farmland with coastal cities.

Country Inn & Suites - I-26 Exit 33. 1 mile from Parkway. Free deluxe continental breakfast. Close to Biltmore Square Mall & Biltmore Estate. Outdoor heated pool, 2 room suites, some w/ whirlpool. (828) 670-9000.

Courtyard by Marriott - 1 Buckstone Place. Exit MP 382, go 2.5 miles west on US 70. Bistro Restaurant, indoor pool, spa, fitness center. www.courtyardasheville.com (800) 321-2211 or (828) 281-0041.

Crowne Plaza Tennis & Golf Resort - 1 mile from downtown, Exit 3A, 5 minutes from Parkway, wellness center, spa, golf, tennis, indoor/outdoor pool, zipline, restaurant, lounge, complimentary wireless. www.crowneplaza.com/asheville (828) 254-3211.

Econo Lodge-Airport - Located at I-26 exit 40. Minutes to Blue Ridge Parkway, Biltmore House, airport, & WNC Agriculture Center. DSL wire & wireless. Cable TV. (828) 684-1200.

Grand Bohemian Hotel Asheville - Located in Biltmore Village just steps away from the Biltmore Estate. 11 Boston Way, 3 miles from Parkway. Red Stag Grill, Spa & Art Gallery. (888) 717-8756.

The Omni Grove Park Inn - 290 Macon Ave. via Charlotte St. Exit from downtown I-240. Historic inn on 140 acres. (828) 252-2711. Reservations: (800) 438-5800.

GuestHouse International Inn Biltmore - I-40 to exit 50 or exit 50B. Nearest to Biltmore Estate & Biltmore Village. 2 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway. Outdoor pool, deluxe Cont. breakfast. (828) 274-0101 or (800) 465-4329.

Hampton Inn Biltmore Square - Exit Milepost 393.6, go 2.5 miles north on Highway 191. Free breakfast, indoor pool, spa. Close to Biltmore Square Mall and Biltmore Estate. www.ashevillehotelgroup.com (828) 667-2022.

Hampton Inn Tunnel Rd - Exit Milepost 382.6, go 2.5 miles west on US 70. Hotel is on the right. Free breakfast bar, indoor pool, spa, fitness center. Close to Downtown Asheville and Biltmore. www.ashevillehotelgroup.com (828) 255-9220.

Hickory Nut Gap Farm - 9 miles east on US 74A. Visit animals, pick berries, picnic, purchase meats! www.hickorynutgapfarm.com (828) 628-1027.

Holiday Inn Biltmore East at the Blue Ridge Parkway - Exit one mile on US 70 East, hotel located on left. Mountain view rooms, pet friendly rooms, full service restaurant, fitness center, scenic seasonal outdoor pool. Only 7 minutes to Biltmore Estate and Downtown Asheville. www.biltmorehotels.com e-mail: hieastsales@biltmorehotels.com (828) 298-5611.

Homewood Suites by Hilton - 88 Tunnel Rd - Exit Milepost 382, go 3 miles west on US 70. Hotel is on right. Free full breakfast, spacious suites, indoor pool. Close to Asheville Mall and Biltmore Estate. www.ashevillehomewoodsuites.com (828) 252-5400.

Inn at Wintersun - 1 Wintersun Ln. 5 miles from Parkway MP 384.7. Romantic mountain elegance. Private views. Hot breakfast, free wine, mins to downtown Asheville, hiking trails. www.innatwintersun.com (828) 242-8029.

Lake Powhatan Recreation Area - 96 campsites. 375 Wesley Branch Road, Asheville, NC. Beach and fishing pier. www.cfaia.org (877) 444-6777.

Log Cabin Motor Court - Cozy, historic log cabins 5 miles from downtown Asheville - 330 Weaverville Highway www.theashevillecabins.com (828) 645-6546.

Mama Gertie's Hideaway - MP 382.6, go east 6 miles on Hwy. 70. Turn right on Patton Cove Rd. Go 3/4 mi. uphill thru residential area. RV sites, tenting and cabins. Secluded, peaceful, unique setting and exceptionally clean. Open year round. www.mamagerties.com (877) 686-4258.

The Mountaineer Inn - 155 Tunnel Rd. 1½ miles from Parkway MP 332.6. Clean, quiet rooms away from traffic, cont breakfast. Coffee & refrigerators in rooms. 1 mile from center of downtown & mall. www.mtinnasheville.homestead.com (800) 255-4080.

North Lodge on Oakland - 84 Oakland Rd, six-room elegant Inn, private baths, downtown 1 mile North, Biltmore Estate 1 mile South, MP 389, 5% disc for AAA, AARP members, www.northlodge.com (800) 282-3602.

The Pines Cottages - 346 Weaverville Rd, Asheville, NC. "Old School Awesome." Vintage cottages, modern amenities. www.ashevillepines.com (828) 645-9661.

Ramada Inn - 1/2 mile off Parkway at US 74 and I-240 Exit 8. 178 rooms, suites with kitchenettes and Jacuzzis. Playground area, pool, free continental breakfast. (828) 298-9141.

Ramada Biltmore West - I-40 Exit 44 Left ~ Indoor/outdoor pool, game room, complimentary hot breakfast, Wi-Fi, putt-putt. www.the.ramada.com/24033 (828) 667-4501.

The Residences at Biltmore - 700 Biltmore Ave. Fully stocked condo units (studio, 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom, 3-bedrooms). Pool & hot tub, daily - long term. www.residencesatbiltmore.com (866) 433-5594.

Shoji Spa & Lodge - Relax at Asheville's only outdoor hot tub spa along the Parkway. Unwind in our private hot tubs in the woods, cold plunge, sauna. Stay at The Lodge. 26 massage therapists. Minutes to town. www.shojiretreats.com By appt. Call now! (828) 299-0999.

SpringHill Suites by Marriott - 2 Buckstone Place Exit Milepost 382 go 2.5 miles west on US 70. Free Breakfast, indoor pool, studio suites. Be sure to check out our Bike the Blue Ridge Package or ask about our special Blue Ridge Parkway discount rates. www.springhillsuitesasheville.com (828) 253-4666.

Sweet Peas Hostel - 23 Rankin Ave., Asheville. Beds starting at \$28 - in the heart of downtown. Clean, comfortable, showers, kitchen, laundry, Wi-Fi/comp. www.sweetpeashostel.com (828) 285-8488.

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SHOPPING & RECREATION

Nantahala Outdoor Center - Visit Asheville's favorite outfitter now located at The Grove Park Inn. Shop the best brands in outdoor gear, apparel and accessories. Get outside and experience the mountains with family-friendly to high-adventure private guide services. Over 40 years experience in whitewater rafting, kayaking, hiking, fly fishing, mountain biking and canopy tours. Custom tours also available. Open year round. Visit www.noc.com (800) 232-7238.

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388.8 US 25 Crossover. North 5 mi. to Asheville.

393.6 NC 191 Crossover. 6 miles north to Asheville.
20 miles south to Hendersonville.



Hendersonville, NC

Discover the tranquility of Historic Hendersonville, known for its gentle climate, beautiful scenery and southern hospitality. Hendersonville is located, 22 miles south of Asheville and the Biltmore Estate, on a plateau of 2200 feet above sea level. The area has been a popular vacation destination for over a century.

Explore the waterfalls of the Dupont State Recreational Forest, Flat Rock Playhouse – State Theatre of North Carolina, Carl Sandburg National Historic Site, outdoor recreation, festivals and a variety of accommodations. Historic downtown features interesting architecture, delightful shops, museums, and locally owned restaurants. Venture to the many state and national forests with a variety of terrain for hiking or mountain biking. The area offers many family activities for children of all ages. Make memories in this charming mountain town.

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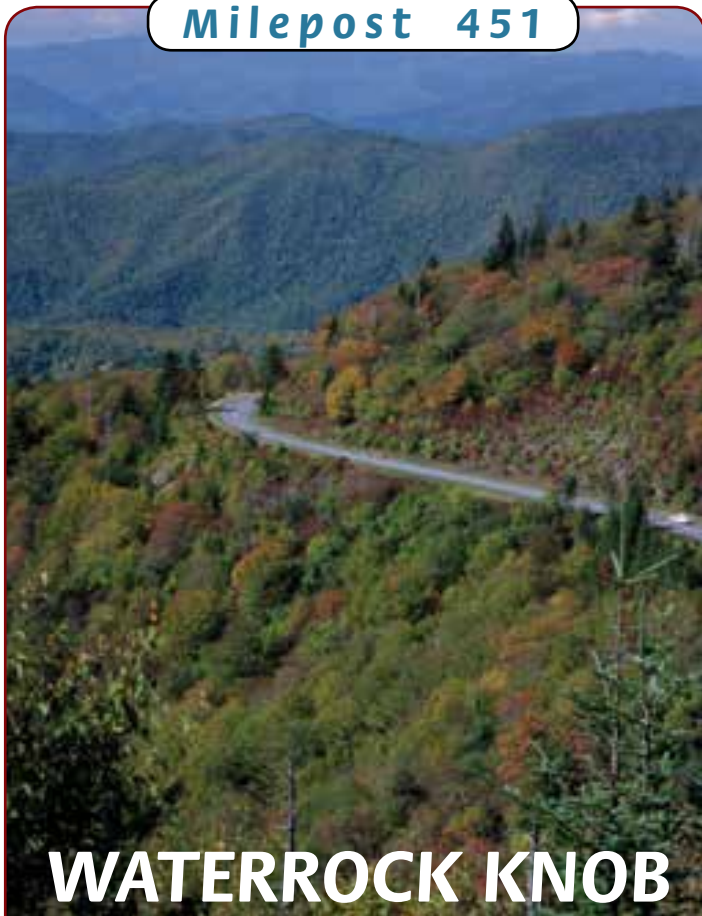
Visitor Information Center:
Open 7 days - 362 days a year:
Monday - Friday: 9 - 5
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays: 10 - 5

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www.historichendersonville.org





WATERROCK KNOB

You've entered "high country" at the Parkway's southern end, and Waterrock Knob is one of the best examples of the rugged nature of the area. The Plott Balsam and Great Balsam ranges meet at Waterrock, rising in elevation to almost 6,400 feet. It is the second highest of all Parkway peaks and one of the highest in the eastern United States.

Waterrock Knob is known for its beautiful long range views of several major mountain chains in the Appalachians, including the Great Smoky Mountains, Pisgah Ridge, Nantahala, Cowee, and the Blue Ridge Ranges. With a nearly 360 degree vantage point, it is uniquely suited for viewing sunrises and sunsets, especially during the equinoxes in March and September.

The name Waterrock Knob comes from a spring located on the hillside at a place called "camp rock". Generations of explorers, hunters, and loggers have rested here and enjoyed the cool waters.

A small visitor center with interpretive displays introduces visitors to the area's rugged terrain and tremendous scenic qualities. Stories of black bear and the endangered fir trees are told as well.

The .6 mile Waterrock Knob Trail takes you up to the summit, yielding even more spectacular views from the higher elevation.

Discover NC Blue Ridge - Comprehensive guide to the heart of NC's Blue Ridge Mountains - what to see and do, where to stay and eat, and more. Go to www.ncblueridge.com.

FLETCHER, NC

Located on US 25, halfway between Asheville and Hendersonville. Exit at Milepost 388.8.

Foam & Fabric - Hwy 25, 6 miles south of Blue Ridge Parkway. Area's largest selection of dress, upholstery, and drapery fabric. Open six days 9:00 to 5:30. (828) 684-0801.

Rutledge Lake RV Park - Exit 40 off I-26. 2 miles from Asheville airport. 170 Rutledge Rd. Go to www.rutledgelake.com e-mail us at rutledgelakepark@bellsouth.net or call (828) 654-7873.

HISTORIC HENDERSONVILLE AND FLAT ROCK AREA, NC

Carl Sandburg Home, Flat Rock Playhouse, Historic Main Street, Village of Flat Rock, Farmers Curb Market, Historic Depot & Model Railroad, WNC Air Museum, Historic Johnson Farm, Waterfalls, Mineral Museum, three NC State Forests, golf, hiking, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, camping, shopping, antiques, summer camps, and historic sites. Near Chimney Rock Park, Lake Lure, and Biltmore Estate. Events: Garden Jubilee and Carl Sandburg Music Festival on Memorial Day Weekend; July 4th Celebration; NC Apple Festival on Labor Day weekend; Summer evenings Music on Main Street, Street Dances. Visit us on the internet at www.historichendersonville.org. Call (800) 828-4244 for FREE 52 page MOUNTAIN SEASONS VACATION PLANNER.

Flat Rock Playhouse - Broadway in the Mountains. Showing musicals, dramas, comedies March - December. Near Asheville. www.flatrockplayhouse.org (866) 732-8008.

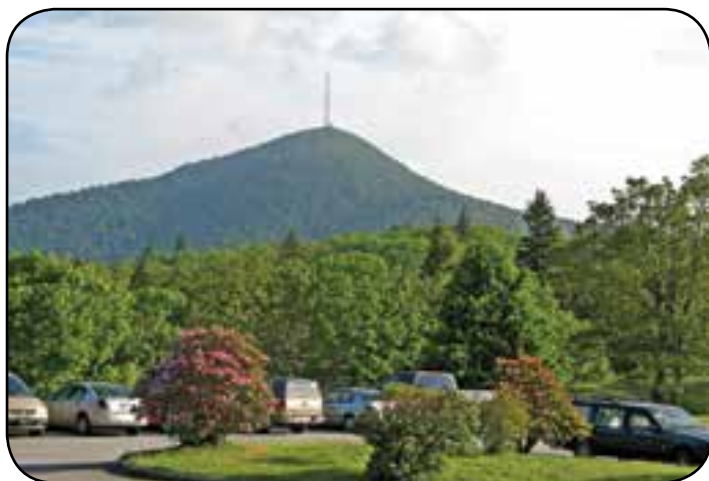


NPS staff provide valuable information to visitors.

Mill House Lodge - Exit 53 I-26. 1-3 BR units, lake with canoes, kitchens, cable, pool, close to Sandburg Home, Flat Rock Play house. Open year-round. www.millhouselodge.com (800) 736-6073.

Mountain Lodge & Conference Center - Convenient to Hendersonville & Asheville. King & studio suites, fully equipped kitchens. www.mountainlodgeflatrock.com (828) 693-9910.

North Mills River Recreation Area - 30 primitive sites. 5289 N. Mills River Rd., Horse Shoe, NC. Nearby horseback riding, swimming, tubing, & fishing. www.cfaia.org (877) 444-6777.



Mt. Pisgah, elev. 5,721 ft., rises in the background.

■ POLK COUNTY, NC

First Peak of the Blue Ridge. I-26E, Exits 59 & 67. Explore gorges, hiking, birding, waterfalls, kayaking, scenic drives & historic small towns - Saluda, Tryon & Columbus. Enjoy horse shows, wineries, inspired shops/galleries, local restaurants & year-round events. Rejuvenate at historic inns, cozy cabins & hotels.
www.firstpeakblueridge.org (800) 440-7848.

405.5 NC 151. 15 miles north to Candler.

408.6 Mount Pisgah. Campground w/showers, picnic area, trails, (May-November). Mount Pisgah was part of the 100,000-acre estate bought in the late 1800's by George W. Vanderbilt. The first forestry school in America was established on the estate. A large part of the woodland, the first large tract of managed forest in this country, became the nucleus of Pisgah National Forest. For camping reservations www.recreation.gov

Pisgah Inn - "Peak of the Parkway", elevation 5,000 ft., Milepost 408 on Parkway. Open March thru early November. Mountain handicrafts. Delicious food. Featuring Country Ham and Mountain Trout. Delightful overnight accommodations, with panoramic view. P.O. Drawer 749, Waynesville, NC 28786. (828) 235-8228.

412.2 Wagon Road Gap. US 276 Crossover. South 18 mi. to Brevard, north 8 mi. to Cruso, 22 mi. to Waynesville.



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Transylvania County/ Brevard, NC

**Land of
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Exit the Blue Ridge Parkway at mile marker 412 and discover pure adventure. Winding down US 276 through Pisgah National Forest, you will enter one of Transylvania County's most iconic landscapes. Along the way, you'll pass the Cradle of Forestry, Sliding Rock and Looking Glass Falls. The lush foliage and spectacular waterfalls may recall a storybook fantasy, but the opportunities for adventure and relaxation are very real. In all, Transylvania County is home to over 150,000 acres of public lands, encompassed by Pisgah National Forest, DuPont State Recreational Forest and Gorges State Park. Of course, not all of our attractions are on the wild side. Just beyond the forest is the charming, historic city of Brevard, voted one of the "Coolest Small Towns in America," by Budget Travel. Here you'll find vibrant local art, culture, outstanding restaurants and the soaring melodies of the Brevard Music Center.



Looking Glass Rock. So named because it reflects light brilliantly when water and ice are on the rock's granite face.

■ CANTON, NC

A few miles off the Parkway, exit at MP 412 or 423.2.

Laurel Bank Campground - 350 Campers Lane. Canton NC. 7 miles from MP 412 on pristine Pigeon River. Follow US 276 North. Full hookups & tent sites. Laundry & hot showers. Open May 1st - Oct 15th www.facebook.com/LaurelBankCampground (828) 235-8940.

Riverside Campground - 6 Happy Camper Dr., Canton NC. 7.4 mi. from US 276 crossover, go north toward Waynesville NC. www.riversidecampgroundcrusonc.com (828) 235-9128.

Sunburst Campground - 9 primitive campsites. 8820 Lake Logan Rd., Canton, NC. Enjoy swimming, hiking and biking. www.cfaia.org (877) 444-6777.

■ TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY, NC

Enchanted forests, exhilarating mountains, adventurous rivers, & more than 250 magical waterfalls. Escape from the world in a cool, quiet wonderland. It's only natural for your family vacation. www.visitwaterfalls.com Call (800) 648-4523.

■ BREVARD AND PISGAH FOREST, NC

18 miles south of Parkway, exit Milepost 412.

Cascade Lake Recreation Area - 100+ sites w/hookups, L R Campground Rd., Pisgah Forest NC, M.P. 412. Near DuPont State Forest, 2 lakes, fishing, swimming. (828) 877-6625. www.cascadelakerecreationarea.com

Cove Creek Upper and Lower Group Campsites - Near Davidson River and Brevard. Occupancy: 60 people per campsite, spacious. www.cfaia.org (877) 444-6777.

Cradle of Forestry Historic Site - Enjoy our trails, hands-on exhibits, movie, programs, gift shop. Cafe serves lunch. Visit cabins, explore Adventure Zone. April-Nov. www.CradleofForestry.com (828) 877-3130.

Davidson River Campground - 160 campsites. One Davidson River Circle, Pisgah Forest, NC. M.P. 412. Open year round - enjoy swimming, fishing, & tubing. www.cfaia.org (877) 444-6777.

Inn at Brevard - Lodging, dining, cocktails. Full country breakfast. 15 antique furnished rooms. Private baths. 315 East Main St., Brevard, NC. www.theinnatbrevard.com (828) 884-2105.

Kuykendall Group Campsite - Pisgah National Forest, near Brevard, NC. Occupancy: 60 people, tent only. www.cfaia.org (877) 444-6777.



For more information, contact
visitor@highlandschamber.org
or call toll free
1-866-240-2064

Highlands, NC

We are Highlands, North Carolina. At 4,118 feet, we offer breathtaking views yet are amazingly down to earth. We are the ideal mountain town, nestled in nature; we are home not only to black bears, but to the most biodiverse collection of flora and fauna in North America. Our public fountains are waterfalls, our façades are rock faces, and our parks are the best of nature itself. From the top of Sunset Rock our town makes a stunning backdrop for the amazing life we live.

Since 1875 the village of Highlands has served the historic role as the consummate host. We have opened our homes and invited guests to experience the healing embrace of our natural surroundings. From New York to New Orleans, Chicago to Savannah, Highlands remains an escape, a retreat, a refuge. From the dining rooms and spas of our finest hotels to the game-filled closets of our mountain cabins, Highlands is a special place where families reconnect and everyone we meet is family.

We are a close-knit community that works together toward high standards. Our residents stitch a beautiful and complex quilt from our diverse experiences, but we all share in one thing: our love and passion for this wonderful place. Our people are our stewards and we look out for one another. We believe in the value of arts and culture, of health and nature. We are a welcoming mountain community, a place to call home with caring people that make it impossible to duplicate.

*Find bliss
in our well-
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spas and rest
in our historic
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For Blue Ridge Parkway information,
including road conditions or closings,
please visit www.nps.gov/blri

Pisgah Visitor Center - 1001 Pisgah Hwy., Pisgah Forest, NC. Information on hiking, biking, camping and more, interactive exhibits, gift shop. (828) 877-3265.

Trout House Falls Luxury Waterfront Vacation Rentals - "Waterfall Cabin," "Streamside Home," & "Riverfront Fishing Cottage" sleeps 14. www.TroutHouseFalls.com (704) 691-2131.

White Pines North and South Group Campsites - Occupancy: 50 people per campsite. Spacious, beautiful facilities, great for large groups. www.cfaia.org (877) 444-6777.

418.8 Graveyard Fields Overlook. Loop trail of moderate difficulty, 2.3 miles, to Yellowstone Falls.

422.4 Devil's Courthouse Parking Area. Strenuous 1/2 mile hike to "Courthouse" for 360 degree view. Sensitive habitat area. Please stay on trail.

LAKE TOXAWAY, NC

15 miles west of Brevard on US 64, exit at Milepost 423.2.

Cabins at Seven Foxes - 5 wildlife-themed, private, fully equipped cabins on 7 acres. Pet friendly. Open year-round. Fireplaces, porches, Jacuzzi. www.sevenfoxes.com (828) 877-6333.

Mountain Falls Luxury Motorcoach Resort - Class A only. In the land of lakes, waterfalls & majestic trails. www.mtn-falls.com (828) 966-9350.

Vacation Rentals - Premier vacation homes at the largest private mountain lake in NC. Kid/pet friendly, hiking, fishing. www.lake-toxaway.com (866) 966-4029.

423.3 Beech Gap. NC 215 Crossover. North 24 miles to Waynesville, south 17 miles to Rosman.

PARKWAY POINTS to Ponder

WHERE IS THE BOUNDARY?

The "long view" from the Parkway is one of the many reasons visitors continue to come. The Parkway is confined to a narrow corridor for most of its route, but vistas stretch as far as the eye can see. The horizon becomes the boundary and serves as a vivid reminder that this place is a vital part of regional environmental issues and responsible planning.

HIGHLANDS, NC

Highlands Visitor Center - 269 Oak Street, Highlands, NC MP 450. Highlands, elevation 4118 ft., a mountain respite for over a century. Nestled in the Nantahala National Forest, it is a place to commune with nature or be pampered by the finest of vacation resort amenities. Highlands features world class spa facilities and is well known for its outstanding restaurants, several awarded Wine Spectator status. Accommodations range from quaint, historic bed & breakfasts, cabins and private home rentals to larger inns and hotels. www.highlandschamber.org (828) 526-2112.

Cliffside Lake - 13908 Highlands Rd., Highlands, NC. Two picnic pavilions, fishing pier, & 7 trails. www.cfaia.org (877) 444-6777.

Fire Mountain Inn and Cabins - Contemporary inn, private Treehouses, cabins with fireplaces, Jacuzzi's. Spectacular views, pet friendly. www.firemt.com (800) 775-4446.

Van Hook Glade Campground - 18 spacious campsites. 14014 Highlands Rd., Highlands, NC. Near beautiful Cliffside Lake. www.cfaia.org (877) 444-6777.

431.0 Haywood-Jackson Overlook. 1 1/2 mile self-guided loop trail, of moderate difficulty, to summit of Richland Balsam.

431.4 Richland Balsam Overlook. Highest point on Blue Ridge Parkway motor road. Alt. 6,047.

HAYWOOD COUNTY, NC

Maggie Valley/Waynesville: Your Smoky Mountain Vacation Destination in Western North Carolina. For information visit: www.visitncsmokies.com or call (800) 334-9036.

Haywood City Hotel & Motel Association - Lodging & dining within minutes of 4 BRP exits, MP 420-450. Quality rooms, cabins, great food. Let Your Adventure Begin! www.maggievalley.travel

WAYNESVILLE, NC

27 miles west of Asheville via US 19-23-74, or exit at Milepost 423.2 or 443.1.

FOOD, LODGING & CAMPING

Andon-Reid Inn Bed & Breakfast - 92 Daisy Ave. MP 440. Waynesville's Finest. Breathtaking mountain views, Jacuzzis, fireplaces, Wi-Fi, 5 rooms. www.andonreidinn.com (800) 293-6190.

Best Western-Smoky Mountain Inn - 130 Shiloh Trl, 4 miles from Parkway. Exit 98 off Hwy 23-74. Panoramic mountain view, comp. cont. breakfast. Ref/Mwave in rooms. Free HSA. www.bwsmokymountaininn.com (800) 218-2121.

PARKWAY POINTS *to Ponder*

WILD TURKEY

European settlers came to America's shores and were intrigued by the wild turkey, and it quickly became a staple of the diet. But, the unchecked logging and hunting that followed as settlement swept across the continent caused such disturbance to the habitat that the turkey was practically eliminated from the region. As forests have returned and the science of forest management has progressed, however, reintroduction of the turkey and its natural population explosion has taken off. The return of this majestic bird reflects changing attitudes and efforts to improve the overall status of southern Appalachian wildlife.



Creekwood Farm RV Park - 4696 Jonathan Creek Rd. 10 miles from Parkway MP 443. Great RV park beside Jonathan Creek. www.creekwoodfarmrv.com (800) 862-8110.

The Waynesville Inn Golf Resort & Spa - MP 445, 5 min. from Pkwy - Beautiful rooms, 27 holes of golf, restaurants, & spa services. www.thewaynesvilleinn.com (800) 627-6250.

443.1 Balsam Gap. US 74-23 Crossover.
East 7 mi. to Waynesville, west 12 mi. to Sylva.

■ BALSAM, NC

Just off Parkway on US 23-74, exit at MP 443.1.

Balsam Mountain Inn - Turn right from Parkway exit; follow signs to Balsam and its Inn, just as it was 100 years ago! (only a 1990 renovation provided each room a private bath). Chosen by the National Geographic and the Appalachian Regional Commission "as representative of the Region's rich, diverse and, in many cases undiscovered treasures." Stay a night, a week, or just come and look; Hall gallery presents local artist and artisans' works. www.BalsamMountainInn.net (855) 456-9498.

Moonshine Creek Campground - Cool & secluded, back to nature camping on beautiful rambling creek. FHU sites & cabins, campfires & hot showers. Off US 74/23 turn at Balsam Hwy sign. www.moonshinecreekcampground.com. (828) 586-6666



Maggie Valley/ Waynesville, NC

Maggie Valley and Waynesville North Carolina are your place to find a delightful combination of small town main streets, a booming arts community, a thriving Farm-to-Table movement, and the grandeur of the highest mountains in the East.

Tucked between the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, we are in the center of all the top attractions including the amazing scenic chairlift ride at Ghost Town in the Sky. Be sure to visit The Wheels Through Time Museum and see the world's premier collection of rare American Vintage Motorcycles.

Haywood County is Western North Carolina's prime vacation destination for every season. Watch the mountains come alive as the springtime flowers show their true colors, enjoy homegrown bluegrass and a delicious craft made beer under the sun, take in the vibrant colors on a scenic fall drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway, or ski with the kids at Cataloochee Ski Area.

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■ **SYLVA & DILLSBORO, NC**
14 miles west on US 23-74, exit at Milepost 443.1.

Best Western Plus River Escape Inn & Suites - US 74 Exit 81. Spacious rooms overlooking Tuckasegee River available. Wi-Fi, full breakfast, indoor pool, astounding views. www.bwriverescape.com (828) 586-6060.

Dogwood Crafters - Craft Coop, a showcase of handmade arts and crafts since 1976. 90 Webster St. Dillsboro, NC. Open 10-6 daily. www.dogwoodcrafters.com (828) 586-2248.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Dillsboro, 26 Rufus Robinson Rd, Sylva 28779. US 23/74 exit 81. All non-smoking rooms, renovated 2012. Free hot breakfast bar, Wi-Fi, heated indoor pool & spa. www.hiexpress.com/esdillsboronc (828) 631-1111.

■ JACKSON COUNTY, NC

Highest point on Blue Ridge Parkway is here! Free map to 10 trails & 19 waterfalls. 1400+ rooms, restaurants, and walk-about towns. Welcome Center, Main St., Sylva. www.mountainlovers.com (800) 962-1911.

451.2 Waterrock Knob Parking Overlook. Visitor Information Center, Comfort Station. 4-State view including fine panorama of the Great Smoky Mountains. Trail, with pedestrian overlooks, to the Knob.

455.7 Soco Gap, US 19 Crossover. 12 miles west to Cherokee, 5 miles east to Maggie Valley.

PARKWAY POINTS to Ponder

BICYCLING

There are great bicycling opportunities here on the Parkway itself and on all paved roads in campgrounds and picnic areas. Bicyclists and motorized vehicle operators each play an important role in watching out for each other and negotiating the roadway safely. Bikes must travel single file. Biking is not allowed on Parkway hiking trails which tend to be winding, steep, and narrow. Dirt roads and trails

designed specifically for off-road bicycles are numerous in the four national forests that the Parkway travels through.



Jackson County, NC

Nestled in the Blue Ridge, Balsam and Smoky Mountains, Jackson County is a scenic wonderland. Enjoy fine resorts, delightful historic inns, and friendly B&Bs. Explore the mountain arts and craft galleries in Dillsboro and Sylva. Browse for antiques in Cashiers. Listen to waterfalls. Take in mountain heritage museums and sites. Wade in a creek. Raft or tube down a river. With a variety of family oriented special events and festivals each season, there is something for all ages to enjoy. Mountain lovers love Jackson County.

Call for a new visitors Guide, with lodging information and map with directions to 20 waterfalls, 10 hiking trails, scenic mountain golf, rafting, and outdoor fun. Or, come by the Jackson County Visitors Center, located in the historic Hooper House, 773 West Main St., Sylva, NC 28779 or, the Cashiers Visitors Center, 202 Hwy 64 W, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Located 30 miles SW of Asheville, I-40 Exit 27 or Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost Exit 443.1.

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www.Mountainlovers.com

Jackson County
Tourism Development Authority 773
West Main Street • Sylva, NC 28779

■ MAGGIE VALLEY, NC

US 19, Eastern entrance to the Great Smokies, One small valley, mountains of fun! Maggie Valley Visitors Bureau, PO Box 279, Maggie Valley, 28751. www.maggievalley.org (800) Maggie1 or (828) 926-1686.

ATTRACTIONS

Wheels Through Time Museum - 62 Vintage Ln. Thurs.-Mon. 9am-5pm. 5 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway. Over 300 rare and historic machines back to 1903. www.WheelsThroughTime.com (828) 926-6266.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

A Holiday Motel - 4 mi from Pkwy, walk to eat, shop & entertain. Clean & comfy rooms with friendly hospitality. Wi-Fi/Coffee/Fridge. Pool/Grills/Picnic/Rocking chairs. www.holidaymotel.net (877) 686-4386.

Best Western Mountainbrook Inn - Hwy 19 - 4 miles from Parkway. Great mountain view. 15 miles from casino, outdoor pool & hot tub. Half mile from Ghost Town Amusement Park. New rooms. Reservation (800) 213-1914.

Boyd Mountain Log Cabins - 7 Authentic cabins with 1-4 bedrooms, secluded on 130 acres near Maggie Valley, full kitchens, central heat/AC, fireplaces, Cable TV & WiFi. Offering fishing, hiking, fire pits, volleyball and a Choose N Cut Christmas Tree Farm on premises. Open all year. www.boydmountain.com (828) 926-1575.

Cataloochee Ranch - 5000' atop the Great Smokies. Direct entrance into Park. Rustic luxury in 2 lodges & 11 private cabins. Fireplaces, ranch-style meals, horses, tennis, fishing, hiking. Skiing in winter. (828) 926-1401 or (800) 868-1401.

Country Cabins - 5 mi off PKWY in Maggie Valley with authentic log cabins. Peaceful mountain retreat. Fireplaces, porches, hot-tubs. Open all year. Pet Friendly. www.countrycabinsmv.com (828) 926-0612 or (888) 222-4611.

Jonathan Creek Inn and Villas - Picturesque creekside setting with gazebo and charcoal grill. Room types are Creekside, Fireplace, Hot Tub, and Creekside Rooms with Screened-in Porches. Enjoy use of the creekside hot tub and indoor heated pool. All villa rentals include fireplaces and private outdoor hot tubs. www.jonathancreekinn.com (800) 577-7812.

Maggie Valley Area Lodging Association - *Affordable motel rooms, cabins, cottages, vacation rentals or B&Bs. You'll find your perfect home away from home in the mountains.* www.visitmaggie.com



Spring brings showy blooms throughout the region.

Mountain Joy Cottages - 3 miles off Pkwy. 1-4 bedroom cabins. Fireplaces, kitchens, porches, indoor pool, Jacuzzi cottages. Open all year. Pet friendly. Maggie's old homestead. www.mountainjoycottages.com (828) 926-1257.

Ramada Limited - Hwy 19, 3 miles from Parkway. Great mountain view-creekside rooms. 1/2 mile from Ghost Town. New Rooms, Deluxe Breakfast, Reservation (828) 926-7800.

Real Estate Adventures - Begin or end your adventure on the Blue Ridge Parkway in one of our vacation rentals. Open year-round. www.realestateadventures.com (800) 819-9466.

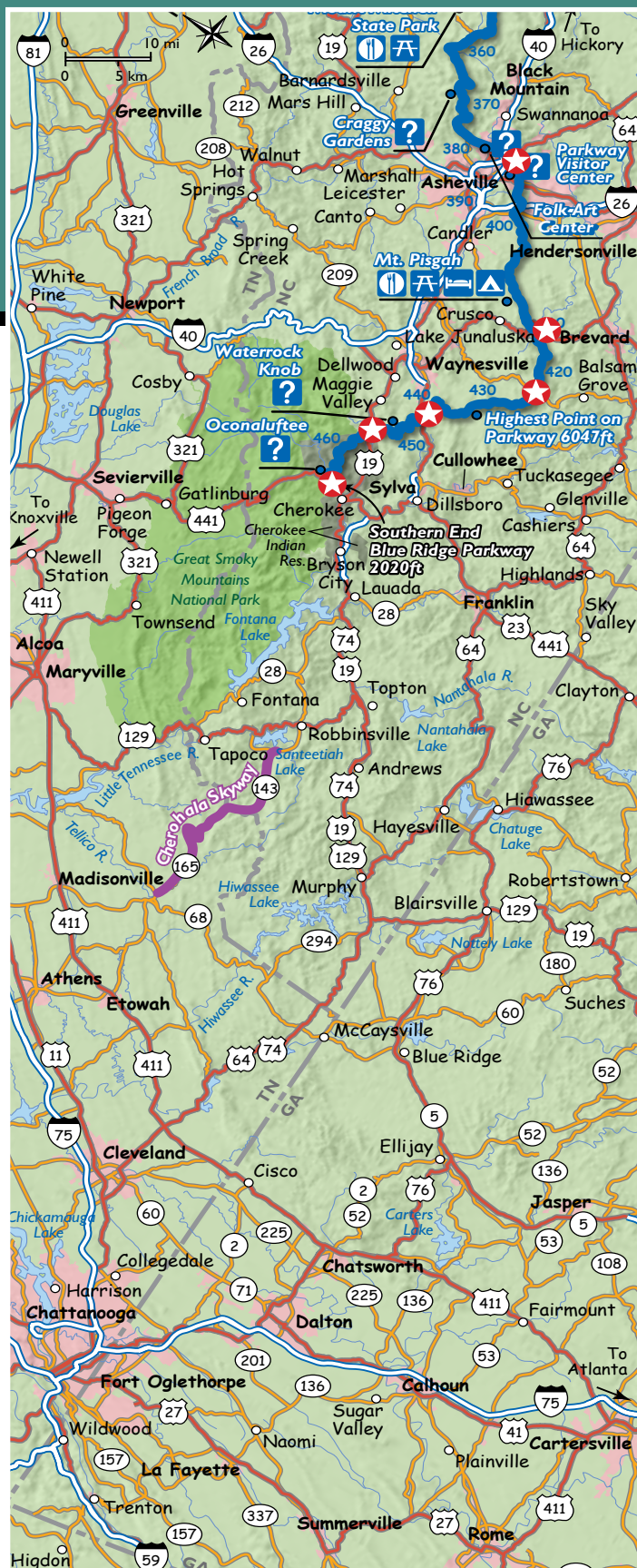
Riders Roost Rest. & Fireside Cottages - Open all year. Serving breakfast, lunch & dinner. Cozy cabins sleep 10, fantastic view, kitchen, fireplace, cable TV, front porch, Jacuzzi & stream. Located 1.4 mi from Parkway, close to attractions & Cherokee. (828) 926-1730.

Rock-n-Robins & Seasoned Pages & Tunes - Maggie Valley's largest ice cream shop and largest used book & record shop. Located in Market Square at 3445 Soco Rd. Maggie Valley.

458.2 Heintooga Ridge Rd. Spur to Mile High Overlook. 12 miles to Great Smoky Mtns. National Park Campground.

461.9 Big Witch Overlook

469.1 Junction Parkway and US 441. 2 miles south to Cherokee, 29 miles north to Gatlinburg. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is located equally in North Carolina and Tennessee. The Park's 507,168 acres may be viewed from paved roads and many wilderness trails. Information bulletin board. Oconaluftee Visitor Center near Parkway & US 441.



Great Smokies Region:

Near Great Smoky Mountains National Park & Tennessee

CHEROKEE, NC

At the southern entrance/exit to Parkway. Home of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Museums, cultural and family attractions, motels, campgrounds, restaurants, shops, famous outdoor drama "Unto These Hills" and Harrah's Cherokee Casino. Complete information at downtown Visitor Center, PO Box 460, Cherokee, NC 28719. Web Page: www.cherokee-nc.com Toll-free (800) 438-1601.

ATTRACTIONS

Oconaluftee Indian Village - Poses the question, "Is it actually Cherokee history if it's still happening?" Today you can transport back to an 18th century village full of authentic stickball demonstrations, dance, staged war reenactments—you name it. If it happened then, it's happening now. Season opens May 1st, and tickets and times are available at www.CherokeeLivingHistory.com or (866) 554-4557.

Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual Inc. - Is like a rare archeological dig, only with shopping and sales. If you're seeking authentic Cherokee weaponry, the decorative beauty of basketry and beadwork, the skill of finger weaving, or sublime wood and stone carving, you've found the largest home for it east of the Mississippi. Visit www.QuallaArts.com or phone (828) 497-3103.

Santa's Land - Family fun with a Christmas theme. Rides, zoo, entertainment, Santa, gift shops, food, playgrounds, old-time crafts. www.santaslandnc.com (828) 497-9191.

"Unto These Hills." - Where Cherokee history comes alive, and drama is part of your adventure's DNA. This outdoor drama is the Cherokee story, as portrayed by the Cherokee themselves nightly from June 1–August 16, except Sundays. Performed in the newly renovated Mountainside Theatre. Tickets and reservations are available at www.CherokeeDrama.com or (866) 554-4557.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Baymont Inn Cherokee - 1455 Aquoni Rd near the southern entrance of the Blue Ridge Parkway & the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. (828) 497-2102.

MAP KEY: Refer to page 13 for explanation of symbols

Chestnut Tree Inn - 154 rooms with free hot breakfast. Great restaurant, indoor/outdoor pools, guest laundry, free Wi-Fi. www.chestnuttreeinncherokee.com (828) 497-9181.

Fairfield Inn & Suites - 100 rooms & suites across from Harrah's Casino on US 19 north. Continental breakfast, indoor pool, meeting space. www.hgmhotels.com (828) 497-0400.

Magnuson's Great Smokies Inn - 151 rooms. 1636 Acquoni Road. Located 1/2 mile from the Blue Ridge Pkwy and the Great Smoky Mtns National Park. (828) 497-2020.

Mountaineer Motel - "Best Lil' Motel in Cherokee!" 8 very clean rooms. All w/ m/w & ref., sat. TV, pool. Friendly & quiet. Low rates. Native owners. US 441S (828) 497-2453.

Panther Creek Cabins - Premier creekside cabins, fireplace, rocking chairs, Jacuzzis, kitchens, trails & picnic areas. Wrights Creek Rd. www.PantherCreekResort.com (828) 497-2461.

Yogi™ in the Smokies - 317 Galamore Bridge Road, Enjoy being a kid with your kids. Cabins, RV, and tent sites, pool, fun activities, Yogi hayrides. We are right on the Raven Fork River which is stocked with trout regularly by the Cherokee Tribe! M/C, Visa. (828) 497-9151.

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The Brook Trout is a native species in NC.

■ FRANKLIN & MACON CO., NC

US 23, 441, 64, NC 28. Gem and ruby mines. Scenic waterfalls.
For more information on accommodations and attractions, please write or call the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce, 425 Porter Street, Franklin, NC 28734. (828) 524-3161 (800) 336-7829.

Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts - 1028 Georgia Rd. Shows include concerts, plays & much more. www.greatmountainmusic.com (828) 524-1598.

Smoky Mountain Host of NC - *The region boasts 300+ travel attractions & businesses and national treasures: Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Blue Ridge Parkway, Cherochala Skyway, and Nantahala & Pisgah National Forests. www.visitsmokies.org or (800) 432-4678.*



Cherokee, NC

*Close by.
Thousands of
years ago.*

How will Cherokee affect you?

With just one visit to Cherokee, NC, you'll start seeing things a little differently. In the most delightful of ways. Here, you'll discover history isn't something relegated to musty old textbooks—it's alive and thrilling, as demonstrated in Oconaluftee Indian Village and the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. And you'll find yourself more keenly aware of how nature inspires artisans and craftspeople, once you try a fun hike to nearby Mingo or Soco Falls and afterwards take in Qualla Arts & Crafts

Mutual, Inc. Maybe you'll stop your drive long enough to see our neighboring elk herd, and some part of you will connect the dots to a different type of outdoor drama, "Unto These Hills." The point is, it's almost impossible not to be struck by centuries of Cherokee history and stories even while you're having a great time today adventuring in Cherokee, NC.

Cherokee Welcome Center
498 Tsali Blvd.
Cherokee, NC 28719
Email: travel@nc-cherokee.com

800-438-1601

VisitCherokeeNC.com

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, located in the states of North Carolina and Tennessee, encompasses 815 square miles of which 95 percent are forested. World renowned for the diversity of its plant and animal resources, the beauty of its ancient mountains, the quality of its remnants of southern Appalachian mountain culture, and the depth and integrity of the wilderness sanctuary within its boundaries, it is one of the largest protected areas in the East. The park is open year-round. Visitor centers at Sugarlands, Oconaluftee, and Cades Cove are open all year, except Christmas Day. There is no entrance fee due to restrictions in deeds that transferred state highways to the Park.

What to See and Do - Much of what the Smokies offers, including wildflowers, flowering trees, colorful fall foliage, mountain vistas, and historic buildings can be seen from your car. There are abundant opportunities for hiking, bicycling, and camping in the Park.

Cable Mill in Cades Cove - Open from March 17 through the Sunday following Thanksgiving 9:00-5:00. Located inside the park near the mid-point of the 11-mile, one-way Cades Cove Loop Rd. Exhibits - Water-powered grist mill.

Mingus Mill - Open From March 17 through the Sunday following Thanksgiving 9:00-5:00. Located inside the park, 2 miles north of Cherokee, NC, on US 441. Exhibits - Turbine-powered grist mill.

Camping - Reservations can be made at www.recreation.gov or (877) 444-6777.

Horse Camps - Open seasonally April - October. The reservations for both the horse camps and front country camping are made at www.recreation.gov or (877) 444-6777.

For more information contact:

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

107 Park Headquarters Road, Gatlinburg, TN 37738

(865) 436-1200 www.nps.gov/grsm

Visitor Information Recorded Message - (865) 436-1200

Elevations in the park range from 800 feet to 6,643 feet and topography affects local weather. Temperatures are 10 to 20 degrees cooler on the mountaintops.

■ **Spring** brings unpredictable weather, particularly in higher elevations. Snow may fall in March, but by May daytime highs often reach the 80s. Nighttime temperatures vary from below freezing in March to the 50s in May. Rainfall is common during the season.

■ **Summer** is hot and humid, but more pleasant in higher elevations. July and August highs reach the 80s and 90s. Evening lows are in the 60s and 70s. Afternoon showers and thunderstorms are common.

■ **Fall** has warm days and cool nights and is the driest period. Frosts occur starting in late September. Daytime highs are in the 70s and 80s during September, falling to the 50s and 60s in early November. By November, nighttime lows are usually near freezing and snow is possible.

■ **Winter** is generally moderate, but extreme conditions can occur. It is not unusual to have warm temperatures in the low elevations and snow in the higher areas. Half the days in the winter have high temperatures of 50 degrees or more. Nighttime lows are normally at or below freezing, but can drop to -20°F at high elevation. In the lowlands, snows of 1" or more occur 1-5 times a year.

Ridge upon ridge of endless forest straddling the border between North Carolina and Tennessee, Great Smoky Mountains National Park is one of the largest protected areas in the Eastern United States and attracts over nine million visitors each year. Once a part of the Cherokee homeland, the Smokies today are a hiker's paradise with over 800 miles of trails.

VISITOR CENTERS

(Open all year, with varying seasonal hours)

Cades Cove Visitor Center - Located inside the park near the mid-point of the 11-mile, one-way Cades Cove Loop Road.

Oconaluftee Visitor Center - Located inside the park, 2 miles north of Cherokee, NC, on US 441.

Sugarlands Visitor Center - Located inside the park, 2 miles south of Gatlinburg on US 441.

Gatlinburg Welcome Center - Located in Gatlinburg on US 441 south.

Gatlinburg Welcome Center at the Aquarium - Located at Ripleys Aquarium of the Smokies

Sevierville Visitor Center - Located on TN 66, 1 mile south of I-40. Exit 407.

Towsend Visitor Center -

Located in Townsend, Tennessee, on US 321.

Clingmans Dome Visitor Contact Station -

Located near the parking area. Open seasonally April through November.

■ SWAIN COUNTY, NC

Have a big vacation in a small town! Enjoy pristine mountain beauty, whitewater rafting, Fontana Lake, trout fishing, horseback riding, hiking, scenic train ride, shopping or just relaxing. Rich Cherokee and Southern Appalachian history. Lodging includes inns, B&Bs, cabins, resorts, hotels, motels and campgrounds. Call (800) 867-9246 or visit www.GreatSmokies.com.

■ BRYSON CITY, NC

10 miles west of Cherokee on US 19-74, exit at Milepost 469.1.

ATTRACTIONS

Great Smoky Mountains Railroad - 15 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway MP 469.1. Round-trip scenic excursions take you from historic depot through the beautiful countryside. Variety of train excursions & special event trains. Dine in First Class Cars or take it all in while riding in an open air gondola! Step on board for your next rail adventure! Seasonal schedule April-December. Information & reservations www.gsmr.com or (800) 872-4681.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Fryemont Inn - 245 Fryemont St., Bryson City, NC. National Register of Historic Places. All rates include dinner & breakfast. Open mid-April to Thanksgiving. From \$125/nt for 2. (800) 845-4879.

When you hear the phrase "More Than a Road" it refers to the cultural and historic resources that the Parkway contains, including nearly 30 counties that cross Parkway boundaries in VA and NC. Part of the Parkway experience is exploring these gateway communities and learning about the people and places that have shaped the mountain experience in our region.

Hidden Creek Cabins - Great Smoky Mountains, creekside, mountain views, hot tubs, fireplaces, 27 unique cabins, rates starting at \$99 per night. www.hiddencreekcabins.com

Sleep Inn - US-74 Exit 67. Near Great Smoky Mountains Railroad and Nantahala Whitewater Rafting. Free cont. breakfast and hi speed wireless internet. Seasonal outdoor pool. www.sleepinnbrysoncitync.com (866) 939-0998.

■ FONTANA, NC

In the heart of the Smokies between Asheville & Knoxville.

Fontana Village Resort - Over 400 untouched acres offers the Lodge, 1-4 bedroom cabins, camping, meeting & wedding facilities, onsite catering lazy river & pools, disc golf, hiking, biking, restaurants, lounges. Fontana Marina offers watercraft rentals, fishing guides, GSMP shuttles, scenic lake cruises & more. www.FontanaVillage.com (800) 849-2258.



Bryson City, NC Swain County

If you have high expectations for your next getaway, look no further than Bryson City - a small mountain town bordered by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Fontana Lake, and the Tuckasegee and Oconaluftee rivers.

Swain County has the highest peaks and some of the best rushing water in the Smokies, including Deep Creek's trio of waterfalls just outside Bryson City. Take a hike, a whitewater tube ride, fish for trout, have a picnic and splash in an old-fashioned "swimming hole."

From Nantahala River whitewater rafting, to world-class mountain biking, zip-lines, and scenic train rides and drives along "The Dragon," Bryson City offers something for everyone.

After an active day, enjoy some downtime downtown with a free concert, eclectic dining or a hometown brew. Stroll through the shops, galleries, and studios of local artisans. Unwind at one of our comfortable B&Bs, cabins, motels or resorts. And get ready for another day of fun in the Smokies.

A great vacation destination that includes a scenic drive on The Parkway, "America's Favorite Drive".



800-867-9246
GreatSmokies.com

PARKWAY POINTS *to Ponder*

FORESTS OR PARKS?

Along its route through the mountains, the Blue Ridge Parkway crosses four U.S. Forest Service areas, the Jefferson and George Washington in Virginia, and the Nantahala and Pisgah in North Carolina. The National Forests are all about multi-use, and scientific timber and forest management is actively practiced. Regulations differ between parks and forests, so be aware of your location!

■ GRAHAM COUNTY, NC

Located in Robbinsville. Smoky Mtn natural beauty still unspoiled by crowds, Tail of the Dragon, Joyce Kilmer, Cheoah River & 4 lakes. www.GrahamCountyTravel.com (828) 479-3790.

■ GATLINBURG, TN

Amid the splendor of the Smoky Mountains, Gatlinburg embodies the simple goodness of small town life to millions of visitors yearly. Come see why; you've never been closer. www.gatlinburg.com (800) 766-5396.

ATTRACTIONS

Christ in the Smokies - Experience the greatest story ever told, realistic life-size scenes from the life of Christ. Rare gems & coins plus the awe-inspiring face of Christ sculpture. www.christinthesmokies.com (865) 436-5155.

Ober Gatlinburg - Ride the 120 passenger Aerial Tramway to indoor ice skating, Alpine Slide, scenic chairlift, black bear habitat, otters, water rides, shops & more! www.obergatlinburg.com (865) 436-5423.

Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies - America's #1 aquarium! Big sharks, penguins & thousands of exotic sea creatures. www.ripleysaquariumofthesmokies.com (888) 240-1358.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Brookside Resort - Streamside rooms, pillow top beds, whirlpool tubs, pool with waterfall. Near Aquarium. (800) 251-9597. www.brooksideresort.com or e-mail: info@brooksideresort.com.

Comfort Inn - On the river between #1 & #2 traffic lights on the Parkway. 4 blocks before Ripley's Aquarium. All rooms have private balconies on river. Free continental breakfast. (865) 436-5047.



Graham County Travel
& Tourism Authority
12 N. Main St.
Robbinsville, NC 28771

800-470-3790

www.GrahamCountyTravel.com

Graham County, NC

Explore the R.O.A.D.

Robbinsville Outdoor Adventure Destination offers a variety of outdoor fun with breathtaking mountain scenery in the Smoky Mountain's of NC. Home of Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest, Slickrock Creek Wilderness Area, Nantahala National Forest, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Appalachian Trail winds through the county on its trek from Georgia to Maine. Lake Santeetlah's shoreline is more than 75% National Forest and Lake Fontana has 30 miles of water to explore with the entire northern shore boarding the GSMNP. Fontana Dam is a must see for the vacationer and some of our trout streams boast a national reputation. Enjoy rafting at its best on the Cheoah River class IV+ rapids during high flow releases. Bike & Hiking trails attract mountain bikers and horseback riders at Tsali, Santeetlah and Fontana Dam. The county has three of the best motorcycle & sports car roads in America. Ride The Dragon with its 318 curves in 11 miles or the tamer 50 mile-long Cherohala Skyway and the Moonshiner 28 might bring-up an image of the old, back-road bootlegger of the past.

Step back in time as you enjoy traditional Appalachian and Native American culture, handmade crafts, and music. Enjoy breathtaking mountain scenery above the clouds.

**Showcasing the towns of Robbinsville,
Fontana Dam, Lake Santeetlah & Stecoah Valley**

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Adventurous
or as Laid
Back As You
Want to Be.**

Mountain Laurel Chalets - 140 chalets in Gatlinburg next to GSMNP. 1-12 bedrooms, hot tubs, pool tables, not on top of your neighbor. Swimming privileges in season. Website: www.mtnlaurelchalets.com

Mountain Rentals of Gatlinburg - More room, more fun & experiences you remember. Guest rewards, concierge, vacation deals. www.MountainChalets.com (877) 701-4278.

Ski Mountain Chalet & Condo Rentals - 1-12 bedrooms, Fully furnished, tls, linens, kitchens, fireplaces. Some units have hot tubs, saunas, whirlpools & pool tables. All have access to recreational areas with tennis courts & pools in season. 416 Ski Mtn. Rd., Gatlinburg, TN 37738. www.skimtnchalets.com (865) 436-7846 or (800) 824-4077.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

G. Webb Gallery/The Tennis Corner - Watercolours & prints that tell the story of the Blue Ridge Mtns. Tennis equipment & supplies. Open year round. www.gwebbgallery.com (865) 436-3639.

PIGEON FORGE, TN

Variety of music, shopping, attractions, restaurants, and accommodations, plus Dollywood and the Great Smoky Mountains. Website: www.mypigeonforge.com 1-800-251-9100.

Christmas Place - at Bell Tower Square - 2470 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN. The South's largest Christmas village. www.christmasplace.com (800) 445-3396.

Days Inn - 2760 Parkway, Pigeon Forge TN 37863. Between lights 3 & 4, close to the malls. Restaurants, attractions, great mountains, scenery. Free continental breakfast. (865) 453-4707 or (800) 225-3297.



Motorcycle touring is a popular way to experience the Parkway.



Pigeon Forge, TN

Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, located at the foothills of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, is known as the Land of More. This family friendly destination offers more fun, more entertainment, more places to stay ... well, you get the picture. And the trend to offer visitors more of everything continues in 2014 with several new additions.

Titanic Museum Attraction, has a new gallery dedicated to Margaret "Unsinkable Molly" Brown, one of the ship's most colorful passengers.

The nation's first dual-launch family coaster can be found at Dollywood. FireChaser Express takes riders over 2,427 feet of winding track, followed by a backward launch in the opposite direction.

The Island at Pigeon Forge has added a spectacular water show, Fountains at the Island, and new restaurants, including Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville.

For information about The Land of More, visit MyPigeonForge.com or call 1-800-251-9100.

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Getaway**

1-800-251-9100
MyPigeonForge.com

Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism
PO Box 1390-BR
Pigeon Forge, TN 37868

■ TOWNSEND, TN

25 mi. west of Gatlinburg via Rt. 321.

Tuckaleechee Caverns - 25 miles west of Gatlinburg on US Hwy 321 & Tenn. Hwy 73. One of the greatest natural attractions of the Great Smokies. Open (March 15-Nov. 15) 9am-5pm (March & Nov. 10am-5pm). Rated a Diamond attraction by AAA. (865) 448-2274.

■ MARYVILLE, TN

West of Gatlinburg via Rt. 321, south of Knoxville.

Smoky Mountain Harley-Davidson - Rider's Destination. Full service dealership - Open 7 days a week. Events/concert information at: www.SMH-D.com or (865) 977-1669.

■ SWEETWATER, TN

North of Chattanooga on I-75, Exit 60.

Lost Sea - U.S. Registered Natural Landmark. Cavern tour and glass-bottom boat ride. Exit I-75 at Sweetwater. Open daily 9 a.m. Adults \$17.95, Children 5-12 \$7.95, 4 & under Free. (423) 337-6616.

■ SEVIERVILLE, TN

Dolly's hometown, where shopping, entertainment, attractions, accommodations and mountain history come together in Sevierville to create an atmosphere that can't be found anywhere else in the Smokies. www.visitsevierville.com 888-738-4378.

For more information
you may contact these state tourism offices

north carolina

visitnc.com 1-800-VISIT NC

North Carolina Travel & Tourism

4324 Mail Service Center • Raleigh NC 27699-4324
800 VISITNC
www.visitnc.com

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Tennessee Travel & Tourism

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www.tnvacation.com



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110 Gary Wade Blvd
Sevierville, TN 37862

888-738-4378

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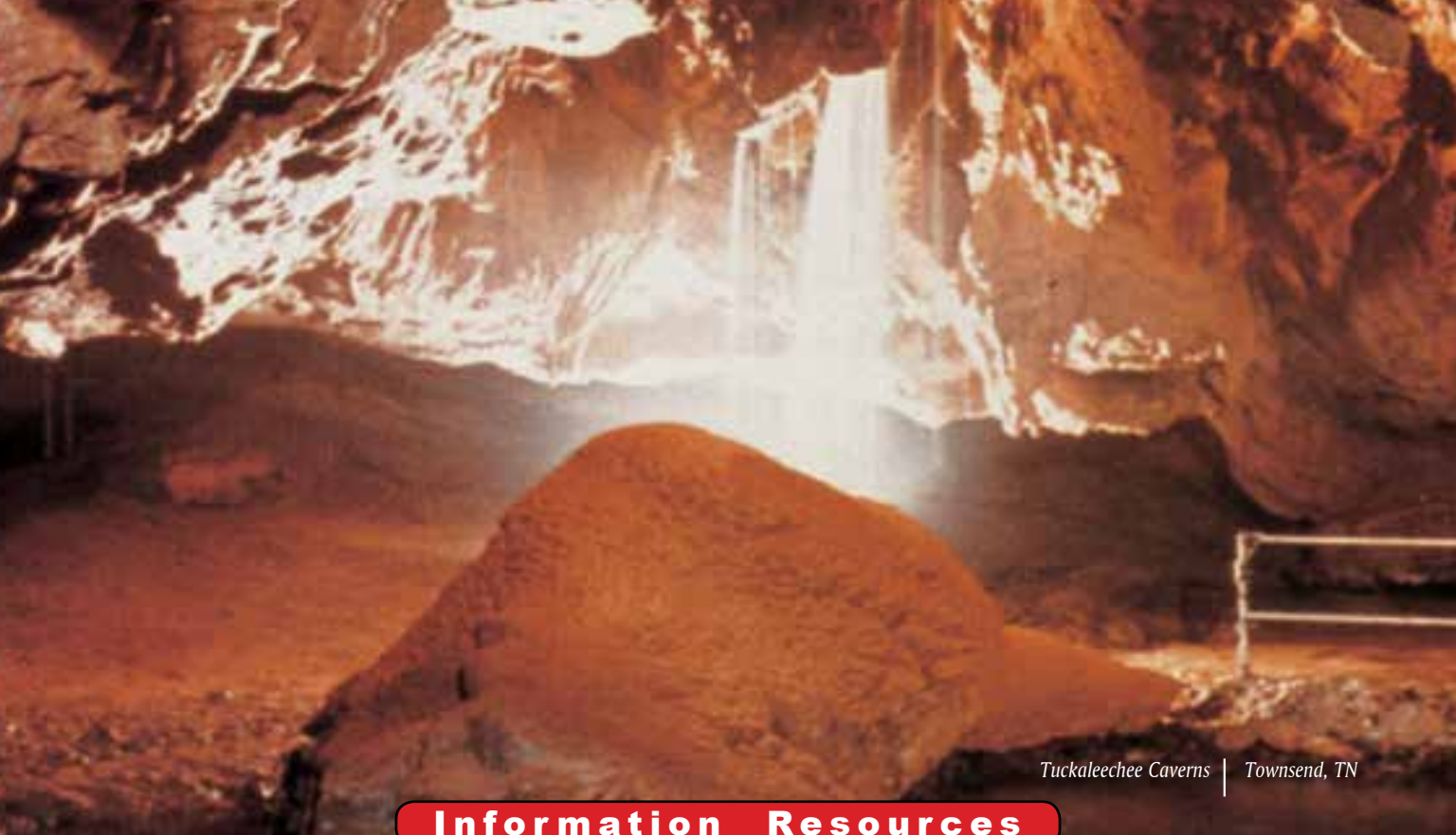
Sevierville, TN

Family Fun in Dolly's Hometown Sevierville, TN

Discover high flying fun, famous outlet shopping and world class events in Dolly's hometown, Sevierville, Tennessee! Mark a few things off your bucket list with a zip line adventure in the Smoky Mountains, a trip across America's longest swinging bridge or a helicopter tour of the national park. Then mark off your shopping list, with a visit to Sevierville's famous high-end outlet mall, Tanger Five Oaks, or megastore and museum, Smoky Mountain Knife Works. While in Sevierville, visit one of the world's best theme parks, Dollywood, for award-winning rides, shows, and traditional crafts. Then visit us for Sevierville's 10th Annual Bloomin' BBQ & Bluegrass festival (May 16 & 17, 2014), with 50 of the nation's top barbecue cook teams and free concerts from Bobby Osborne & The Rocky Top Xpress, The SteelDrivers and more.

Learn more about our brand new, competitively priced lodging options ranging from cabins to water park resorts, plus plenty of great travel deals. Request your free vacation planner online at VisitSevierville.com or call 1-888-738-4378.

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Mountains, a trip
across America's
longest swinging
bridge or a
helicopter tour
of the national
park.



Tuckaleechee Caverns | Townsend, TN

Information Resources

■ **Blue Ridge Country.**

Award winning magazine covering history, attractions & outdoor recreation. New! Digital Edition. Call for free trial issue. (800) 548-1672. Mention code SPBRPA.

■ **Blue Ridge Parkway Golf Trail.**

America's newest golf trail. Included in all golf packages is lodging at your choice of upscale log homes, golf villas, or luxury hotels along with a selection of truly spectacular championship mountain golf courses. When you return home, you can tell your friends you played golf "up in the clouds." www.brpgolftrail.com. (866) 650-6644.

■ **BRPweather.com**

Your source for Parkway weather. Don't get caught in the rain, fog, or snow! Know what lies ahead on all 469 miles. Accurate forecasts and local weather stations plus live Parkway weather cameras at www.BRPwebcams.org.

■ **Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.**

Join our growing community of stewards and become a part of something beautiful. Sponsors of:

Blue Ridge Music Center - Milepost 213. Visit the Roots of American Music Museum, live music, flatfoot dancing, trails, gift shop. (276) 236-5309.

Kids In Parks - A network of trails with free self-guiding brochures designed to introduce kids of all ages to nature and to turn an ordinary hike into a fun filled adventure. www.KidsInParks.com (866) 308-2773 x384.

For more information contact: www.BRPFoundation.org • (866) 308-2773

■ **FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway.**

Non-profit, membership organization dedicated to preserving, promoting and enhancing the Blue Ridge Parkway, a national treasure. FRIENDS programs focus on preservation, protection, education, and engaging the next generation in volunteerism along with funding Parkway programs. FRIENDS' invests over 1 million dollars of volunteer service to the Parkway annually. Join the growing number of FRIENDS supporters--\$30 annually will make a difference. PO Box 20986, Roanoke, VA 24018. (540) 772-2992. www.FriendsBRP.org.

■ **TravelAid.com.**

Allow users to find info on over 3,000 places in the SE United States to stay & play on their next vacation. Includes links to hotels, motels, chambers of commerce, gift shops, restaurants, car rentals, campgrounds & more! Visit www.travelaid.com.

■ **VirtualBlueRidge.com.**

An online guide dedicated to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Available information includes interactive maps, news & events, travel planning tools, and a virtual tour of the entire Parkway. www.virtualblueridge.com.

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THE PARKWAY
MILEPOST**

ALONG THE PARKWAY

You'll find opportunities for recreation, hiking, bicycling, picnicking, camping, wildlife viewing and much more.



Great Smoky Mountains Railroad

Bryson City, NC
Milepost 469.1

There are 469 miles of spectacular scenery from the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee.

**Parkway
Craft Center**
at the Moses
Cone Manor
Milepost 294



Folk Art Center

Asheville, NC
Milepost 382

